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Madam,  
Sir,

1. This Circular concerns proposals for change to the Standard for the Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications under Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)) which, if adopted, will result in modifications of that Annex . It is being sent, for the purposes of consultation pursuant to Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT, and under the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of proposals for change), to the national and regional patent Offices of, or acting for, all PCT Contracting States, including all receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities, and designated and elected Offices, and to interested intergovernmental organizations, as well as to certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system.

2. The International Bureau has received and prepared a number of proposals for change to the standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications relating to additions to the DTDs in view of the entry into force, on July 1, 2008, of a number of amendments to the PCT Regulations. The proposals are available on WIPO's Website as an annex to the following proposals for change (PFC) files (see [http://www.wipo.int/efiling\\_standard/en/pfc\\_files.htm](http://www.wipo.int/efiling_standard/en/pfc_files.htm)):

- PCT/EF/PFC 08/001 “Changes to Annex F, Appendix I, section 3.6 (power of attorney)”.
- PCT/EF/PFC 08/002 “Changes to Annex F, Appendix I, section 3.6 (priority document Digital Access Service)”.
- PCT/EF/PFC 08/003 “Changes to Annex F, Appendix I, section 3.6 (2008 PCT rule changes)”.
- PCT/EF/PFC 08/004 “Changes to Annex F, Appendix I, section 3.6 (package-data)”.
- PCT/EF/PFC 08/005 “Changes to Annex F, Appendix I, section 3.6 (The XML tagging of corrections and changes)”.

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3. The International Bureau has also received a number of proposals for change to the set of International Common Elements (ICEs) specified in WIPO Standard ST.36, which do not also form part of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT; these proposals will be reviewed as part of the ST.36 Task Force activities and are not subject to this consultation for modifications of Annex F.

4. The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any comments on the proposals, listed above, by February 26, 2008. Comments should preferably be made via the “Submit comments” facility on the Website (at [http://www.wipo.int/efiling\\_standard/en/submit\\_comment.htm](http://www.wipo.int/efiling_standard/en/submit_comment.htm)), but may alternatively be made in writing by letter or by fax to +41-22-338 8040. Comments will be included as Annexes to the relevant PFC file. Copies of the proposals on paper are available from the International Bureau on request. Inquiries concerning the proposals should be directed to the International Bureau via a mailbox: [pct.efiling@wipo.int](mailto:pct.efiling@wipo.int). Please note that, in order for the International Bureau to update the electronic filing systems in view of the entry into force of amendments to the PCT Regulations on July 1, 2008, the Consultative Group has also been asked to submit its recommendations on the proposals by February 26, 2008.

Yours sincerely,



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