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Madam,
Sir,

I have pleasure in inviting your Office, in its capacity as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), to the 15th session of the *Meeting of International Authorities Under the PCT* (PCT/MIA), which will be held in Vienna, at the headquarters of the Austrian Patent Office, from April 7 to 9, 2008, beginning at 10 a.m. The working language will be English.

./ The draft agenda (document PCT/MIA/15/1) is enclosed. I invite your Office to provide comments on, or any further proposals for, the draft agenda. The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any such comments and proposals by March 7, 2008.

Details of the location of the Austrian Patent Office, recommended hotels and other information can be found on the PCT/MIA electronic forum, which is accessible on WIPO's website at www.wipo.int/pct-mia (username: pctmia; password: miaforum). If you require assistance in obtaining visas for travel to Austria, or have any other questions about arrangements in Vienna, you are invited to contact Mr. Peter Hofbauer of the Austrian Patent Office (tel: +43 (1) 534 24 225; e-mail: peter.hofbauer@patentamt.at).

I would like to remind any Offices which have not yet responded to Circular C. PCT 1126 of the request to submit reports on their quality systems, in accordance with paragraph 21.17 or 21.18 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

As for previous sessions, the working documents will be made available on the PCT/MIA electronic forum; copies on paper will be sent only on request. I encourage Authorities to make use of this forum for advance discussion of issues.

It would be appreciated if the names and titles of the representatives of your Office could be communicated to the International Bureau of WIPO by March 7, 2008, preferably by e-mail to *pct.mia@wipo.int*.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis Gurry', is centered below the closing text.

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Fifteenth Session
Vienna, April 7 to 9, 2008

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prepared by the Secretariat

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