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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 prepared additional proposals for change to the Standard for the Electronic Filing and Processing of International applications, the first relating to additions to the DTDs in view of the entry into force, on July 1, 2008, of additional amendments to the PCT administrative instructions relating to the specification of the desired nature of utilization of electronic mail addresses supplied by the applicant at the time of filing; consultation regarding the revision of the PCT request form will follow shortly. The second proposal for change addresses an earlier implementation issue regarding data entry for sequence listings and tables supplied in electronic form. This proposal is 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):

- PCT/EF/PFC 08/006 “Changes to Annex F, Appendix I, section 3.6 (Attribute to indicate intended use of email address)”.
- PCT/EF/PFC 08/007 “Changes to Annex F, Appendix I, section 3.6 (Correction to support request check list attributes for sequence listings and tables supplied in electronic form)”.

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3. The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any comments on the proposals, listed above, by April 4, 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), 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 proposal on paper are available from the International Bureau upon request. Inquiries concerning the proposal should be directed to the International Bureau via a mailbox: pct.efiling@wipo.int.

4. 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 proposal by April 4, 2008.

Yours sincerely,



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