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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 16th session of the *Meeting of International Authorities Under the PCT* (PCT/MIA), which will be held in Korea, at the Seoul branch of the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), from March 16 to 18, 2009, beginning at 10 a.m. The working language will be English.

./. The draft agenda (document PCT/MIA/16/1) 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 February 16, 2009.

The address of the Seoul Branch, where the meeting will take place, is Korea Intellectual Property Service Center, 647-9, Yeoksam-Dong, Gangnam-Gu, Seoul, Korea. Further details, including recommended hotels, will be made available 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 the Republic of Korea, you are invited to contact Mr. KIM Byeongpil at KIPO (e-mail: bpilkim@kipo.go.kr; telephone: +82 (42) 481 5398; fax: +82 (42) 472 3470).

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 February 16, 2009, preferably by e-mail to *pct.mia@wipo.int*.

I also invite Authorities to submit their annual reports on their quality systems, in accordance with paragraph 21.17 or 21.18 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines. Guidelines and templates for producing these reports can be found on the PCT/MIA electronic forum at *www.wipo.int/pct-mia*. These reports should be sent by e-mail to *pct.mia@wipo.int* by February 16, 2009.

Yours sincerely,



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