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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 nineteenth session of the *Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT* (PCT/MIA), to be hosted by IP Australia in Canberra from February 8 to 10, 2012 beginning at 10 a.m. I would also like to invite your Office to attend a meeting of the MIA quality subgroup to take place at IP Australia on February 6 and 7, 2012. The working language for both these meetings will be English.

The International Bureau will send you the draft agenda for the PCT/MIA meeting at a later date to invite your comments. As for previous sessions, the working documents will be made available electronically; paper copies will be sent only upon request. For the quality subgroup, an informal agenda and information concerning preparations for the meeting will be made available through the PCT Quality Subgroup wiki discussion forum. If you require access to the forum, please send an email to pct.mia@wipo.int.

Further details of the venue, 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 and related items for travel to Australia, you are invited to contact Mr. Andrew Wilkinson, Policy Officer, International Policy and Cooperation, IP Australia (e-mail: Andrew.Wilkinson@ipaaustralia.gov.au; tel: +61 2 6225 6199; fax: +61 2 6283 7999).

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It would be appreciated if the names and titles of the representatives of your Office attending the PCT/MIA meeting and the quality subgroup of the MIA could be communicated to the International Bureau of WIPO by January 9, 2012, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,



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Director General