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Madam,
Sir,

Following consultation with your Office in its capacity as a designated and elected Office and, where applicable, a receiving Office and/or an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), modifications to the quality framework for international search and preliminary examination set out in Chapter 21 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Guidelines ("the Guidelines") are hereby promulgated with effect from November 1, 2011.

The modifications to Chapter 21 of Guidelines are as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1311, dated July 21, 2011. The consolidated text of the Guidelines containing these modifications (as in force from November 1, 2011) will be made available on the website of WIPO at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html.

Yours sincerely,



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