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Madam,
Sir,

This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as a receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and/or, designated or elected Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). It is also being sent to interested intergovernmental organizations as well as certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system.

This Circular concerns the conclusion of consultations, notified in PCT Circular C.PCT 1330, regarding proposals for change to the Standard for the Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications under the PCT (Annex F of the Administrative Instructions).

Description of changes

Proposed changes to Annex F and its appendices are set out in the following Proposal for Change (PFC) file (see http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en/pfc_files.htm):

- PCT/EF/PFC 12/001 (Modification of DTD for Priority Document Digital Access Service), proposal by the International Bureau

The proposed changes to Annex F and its appendices are to address the requirements for the additional fields in the PCT request form suggested in the PCT Circular 1327 sent to Offices for consultation on December 12, 2011. The results of this consultation, modifying the PCT request form were sent to Offices in the PCT Circular 1336 on March 16, 2012.

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Conclusion of consultations

Consultations under PCT Rule 89.2 have been conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 2.5 of Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions.

The International Bureau has reviewed the comments received and concludes that the proposal is agreeable as proposed in the PFC. A consolidated, revised Appendix I to Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions can be found on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/july_2012/ai_dtd.pdf

Further process

The modifications to Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions are hereby promulgated with effect from July 1, 2012.

Yours sincerely,



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