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Sir,

In accordance with Rule 89.2(a) of the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (AIs) and certain PCT forms relating to the Receiving Office (RO), the International Bureau (IB) and the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) are hereby promulgated with effect from September 16, 2012.

This follows consultations under Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT with your Office in its capacity as RO, ISA and IPEA and/or designated/elected Office (DO/EO), and also with certain intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. The modifications relate to amendments of the PCT Regulations necessitated following the entry into force of certain changes to the patent law of the United States of America which will enter into force on September 16, 2012 and are as proposed in Circular C. PCT 1349, dated July 6, 2012, except where further changes have been made as a result of consultation, as indicated below (editorial and minor drafting changes are not specifically mentioned).

*Modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (AIs)*

As a result of the consultation, proposed Section 214 has been further modified for the sake of simplification and easier use by applicants.

*Modifications of certain forms relating to the RO, the IB and the IPEA*

The following forms: PCT/RO/106, PCT/RO/198, PCT/RO/199, PCT/IB/313, PCT/IB/336, PCT/IPEA/401 and PCT/IPEA/404 are modified as proposed in Circular C. PCT 1349.

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The PCT request form (PCT/RO/101) is modified as proposed by Circular C. PCT 1349 and as a result of consultation. In particular, as mentioned above in relation to Section 214, the wording of the declaration of inventorship under Rule 4.17(iv) has been further modified; furthermore, additional wording was added in the Notes to the request form in relation to the Digital Access Service (DAS).

Offices which use languages other than English and French are requested to prepare the Forms needed by them, in such other languages, with due regard to the provisions of Section 102 of the Administrative Instructions. The International Bureau encourages Offices to make such translations available to the International Bureau so that they can be accessed by all Offices from the WIPO website.

*Availability of Modified Administrative Instructions and Forms*

The consolidated text of the AIs (containing the modifications referred to herein) is available from the WIPO website under *PCT Administrative Instructions (as in force from September 16, 2012)* at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/).

The modified forms are available from the WIPO website under *Forms in force from September 16, 2012* at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/).

Offices which need marked-up copies and/or electronic files of the AIs or Forms should contact the PCT Legal Division at the following e-mail address: [pct.legal@wipo.int](mailto:pct.legal@wipo.int).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew R. Hye" followed by the initials "ppo".

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