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Madam,
Sir,

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This Circular concerns proposals for change to the Standard for the Filing and Processing in Electronic Form of International Applications (Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT) related to the PCT request form (PCT/RO/101), declarations, search-report and written opinion.

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES

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

- PCT/EF/PFC 17/001 (Modifications of the DTD for the request to address the requirements for the changes to the request form required for PCT Rule 23bis)
- PCT/EF/PFC 17/002 (Modifications of the DTDs for the request and declarations to simplify the correlation of parties in editing declarations and the PCT request)
- PCT/EF/PFC 17/003 (Modifications of the DTDs for the request and application-body to add an indicator of color drawings in the application)
- PCT/EF/PFC 17/004 (Modifications of the DTDs for search report and written opinion to make the DTDs currently used in production official)

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CONSULTATIONS

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

The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any comments on the proposals by April 30, 2017. Comments should preferably be made via e-mail to: pcticd@wipo.int. Comments received will be made available later as Annexes to the PFC file. Copies of the proposals on paper are available from the International Bureau upon request. Enquiries concerning the proposals should be directed to the International Bureau via e-mail at: pcticd@wipo.int.

FURTHER PROCESS

Once the Consultative Group established under Section 2.5 of Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions has made its recommendations, the International Bureau will promulgate any necessary changes to the PCT Administrative Instructions, together with information on entry into force of the changes.

Yours sincerely,



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