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Madam,
Sir,

I have the pleasure in inviting your Office, in its capacity as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), to the twenty-seventh session of the *Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (PCT/MIA)*, to be hosted by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) in Gatineau on February 6 and 7, 2020, starting at 10 a.m. I would also like to invite your Office to attend a meeting of the MIA Quality Subgroup to take place in Gatineau on February 3 to 5, 2020, also starting at 10 a.m. The working language for both of these meetings will be English.

The draft agenda (document PCT/MIA/27/1 Prov.) and other working documents are available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55009. I invite your Office to make comments on the draft agenda and provide proposals for additional agenda items by December 13, 2019, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int. 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 information on the event, including pre-registration, the venue, and recommended hotels, will be made available shortly on the PCT/MIA electronic forum, which is accessible on the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct-mia (username: `pctmia`; password: `miaforum`).

If you require assistance in obtaining visas and related items for travel to Canada, you are invited to contact Mr. Patrick Cyr, Technical Advisor to the Director General, CIPO, by email: patrick.cyr@canada.ca; by telephone: +1 819-639-7841.

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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 10, 2020, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gurry", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Francis Gurry
Director General