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The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents his compliments to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to invite Her/His Excellency's Government to be represented as an observer at the rescheduled thirteenth session of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Working Group* and at the rescheduled thirty-first session of the *PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation*. Both sessions will be held in Geneva, at the headquarters of WIPO from Monday, October 5 at 10 a.m., to Thursday, October 8, 2020.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and the medical protocols that the Secretariat has introduced to safeguard participants and staff, the number of delegates authorized to attend the meetings physically will be one per Observer State. Other delegates will be able to follow the live transmission of the meetings online, with details to follow in that respect.

The revised draft agenda for both sessions (documents PCT/WG/13/1 Prov. 2 and PCT/CTC/31/1 Prov. 2) and other working documents are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55850 and www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55849.

It would be appreciated if the name(s), title(s) and e-mail address(es) of the representative(s) of Her/His Excellency's Government who will participate in the sessions could be communicated to the International Bureau of WIPO by September 18, 2020. In order to communicate this information, representatives are required to register online at: https://www.wipo.int/registration/en/form.jsp?organization=WIPO®istration_id=386 by using the following code: NLA33DF543. The registration form will allow representatives to indicate whether they will participate in the meeting in person or remotely.

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In view of the technical arrangements that must be put in place for virtual participation after the close of online registration, delegations are requested to strictly adhere to the registration deadline. Registered remote participants will be contacted in advance of the start of the session concerning technical modalities for accessing the meeting via the remote meeting platform.

As WIPO is committed to promoting gender equality, it would be appreciated if parity could be taken into account when nominating representatives.

Any queries in relation to these meetings may be addressed to the Secretariat at:
pct.wg@wipo.int.

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