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Madam,
Sir,

I have the pleasure to invite your Office, in its capacity as an International Searching Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), to the third meeting of the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force (the "Task Force"). The meeting will take place by videoconference on the WebEx platform from Monday, May 17 to Friday, May 21, 2021, from 1 to 3 p.m. (Central European Summer Time) each day.
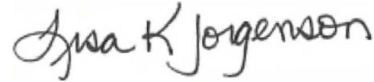
The working language for this meeting will be English. The draft agenda, prepared by the European Patent Office (EPO) as Task Force leader, is available on the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force wiki discussion forum. The agenda covers the three pending objectives of the Task Force (Objectives B, C, and D) to prepare recommendations on the criteria and standards for inclusion of national patent collections, as well as non-patent literature and traditional knowledge based prior art in the PCT minimum documentation. For further information and recent progress on these objectives in the Task Force, see document PCT/MIA/28/4 discussed at the twenty-eighth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT that took place from March 24 to 26, 2021.

I invite your Office to share comments on the draft agenda and the other meeting documents through the discussion forum to prepare for the meeting. If you require access to the forum, please send an email to pct.mia@wipo.int.

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You will need to receive an electronic invitation in order to participate in the meeting. To receive this invitation, you are invited to send the names, titles and e-mail addresses of the representative(s) of your Office attending the meeting to the EPO by e-mail to international_pct_affairs@epo.org by April 28, 2021. If your Office would like to test the functioning of the WebEx platform with the EPO before the meeting, please indicate this when you communicate the details of the participants from your Office.

Yours sincerely,

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