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Madam,
Sir,

I have the pleasure of inviting your Office, in its capacity as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), to the thirtieth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (PCT/MIA). The session will take place by videoconference on the Zoom platform from November 1 to 3, 2023 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. (Central European Time). I would also like to invite your Office to attend a meeting of the PCT/MIA Quality Subgroup on October 30 and 31, 2023, also by videoconference from 12 noon to 3 p.m. (Central European Time) each day. The working language for both of these meetings will be English.

The draft agenda (document PCT/MIA/30/1 Prov.) and other working documents are available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=78593. Your Office is also invited to make comments on the draft agenda and provide proposals for additional agenda items by September 22, 2023, preferably by email 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.

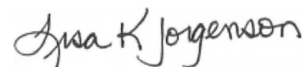
As has been the case for recent meetings, the draft agenda for the Quality Subgroup includes an item on paired review of quality management systems. Your Office is invited to participate in the paired review sessions at the upcoming meeting. These sessions will take place as breakout sessions on the Zoom platform during the previous week to allow for pairings of International Authorities from distant time zones. If your Office wishes to participate, you should indicate this by sending an email to pct.mia@wipo.int by September 22, 2023, at the latest. This will allow adequate time for participating Authorities to review the Quality Management System report of the Authority that they have been

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assigned and provide an opportunity to prepare for the sessions. In addition, your Office is welcome to present its Quality Management System to the meeting, whether this is an overview, specific aspect, or recent developments. Authorities that would like to make a presentation should send an email to pct.mia@wipo.int by September 22, 2023, although the presentation need only be sent the week before the meeting.

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 the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) by September 29, 2023, preferably by email to pct.mia@wipo.int. We will contact registered participants after this date to provide information on accessing the meeting through the remote platform.

Yours sincerely,



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