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DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2008/09 BIENNIUM REFLECTING A 15%
REDUCTION IN THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT) INTERNATIONAL
FILING AND HANDLING FEES

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1. By communication dated May 23, 2007, the Government of the United States of America requested the addition to the draft agenda for the eleventh session of the Program and Budget Committee (PBC) of an item entitled "Draft Program and Budget for the 2008/09 Biennium Reflecting a 15% Reduction in the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) International Filing and Handling Fees".
2. A copy of the said communication is attached in the Annex to this document.
3. *The Program and Budget Committee is invited to express its view on this item of the agenda.*

[The Annex follows]

ANNEX



THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN GENEVA

May 23, 2007

Dear Dr. Idris:

In accordance with Rule 5(4) of the General Rules of Procedure of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) contained in WIPO Publication 399 (FE) Rev. 3, the United States of America hereby requests the addition of the following agenda items on the draft agenda for the Eleventh Session of the WIPO Program and Budget Committee to be held June 25-28, 2007:

- Draft Program and Budget for the 2008/09 Biennium that reflects a 15% reduction in the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) international filing and handling fees.
- WIPO Financial Disclosure Requirements

We request the International Bureau to present such a draft Program and Budget because the United States of America is proposing that the PCT Assembly adopt a revised fee schedule to reflect a 15% reduction in the PCT international filing fee and handling fee effective January 1, 2008. We believe that this reduction in PCT fees can be funded fully from surplus income generated by the PCT system, without any adverse effect on funding for other activities such as development cooperation activities. If the PCT Assembly adopts the proposed fee reduction, the WIPO General Assembly should be in a position to consider a Program and Budget that reflects the reduction. We would also like to review the draft WIPO Financial Disclosure Requirements prior to their submission for approval.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren W. Tichenor", written over a horizontal line.

Warren W. Tichenor
Ambassador

Dr. Kamil Idris
Director General,
World Intellectual Property Organization,
Geneva.

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