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Mr. Klaus-Peter Wittig Deputy Director Inter-Office Information Services Department World Intellectual Property Organization 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20 SWITZERLAND

Re: WIPO SCIT Circular 2477

Dear Mr. Wittig:

This letter is in response to SCIT C. 2477 requesting comments to the draft reports of the fourth Plenary session of the Standing Committee on Information technologies (SCIT) and the second session of the SCIT Working Groups. Our comments follow:

Plenary Session

All suggested revisions have been satisfactorily incorporated in the draft report.

Working Group

Paragraph 11, last sentence: The reference should be updated to refer to the current paragraph numbers, i.e., "10 to 51" should be "12 to 51".

Paragraph 16, next-to-last bullet: "Finish" should be "Finnish".

Pertaining to the explanatory paragraphs that follow the bulleted items in paragraph 16.

Following • Security mechanisms to cater for virus or trojan attacks and to prevent hacking

Change: "The use of encryption technology obviated the need for passwords and the threat of hacking."

To: "The use of encryption technology obviated the need to transmit passwords between systems and reduced the threat of hacking."

Paragraph 17, next-to-last sentence: you may want to delete the word "future" in front of the phrase "proposed plan". It sounds a little awkward.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

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