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March 15, 2010

Re: WIPO Standard ST.22 – Recommendation for the Authoring of Patent Applications for the Purpose of Facilitating Optical Character Recognition (OCR)

Madam, Sir.

At its eleventh session, held from October 26 to 30, 2009, the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) requested the International Bureau to issue, in the first quarter of 2010, a circular to inform SDWG members of the revision of WIPO Standard ST.22 (Recommendation for the Authoring of Patent Applications for the Purpose of Facilitating Optical Character Recognition - OCR) that was adopted by the SDWG in November 2008 (see paragraph 53 of document SCIT/SDWG/11/14).

Following the above-mentioned request, the International Bureau is pleased to inform you that the revised World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Standard ST.22 is available on WIPO's website at: http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-22-01.pdf.

In accordance with the decision taken by the SDWG, industrial property offices, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, are invited to bring the revised WIPO Standard ST.22 to the attention of interested parties and to promote the use of the Standard by applicants (e.g., publishing a notice in their patent gazettes and on their websites).

Yours sincerely,

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