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Madam,
Sir,

*Proposed modifications of Annex F
of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT*

*Standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications:
Proposals for change (files PCT/EF/PFC 06/002 and 003)*

1. This Circular concerns a proposal for change to the standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) which will, if adopted, result in modifications of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. It is being sent, for the purposes of consultation pursuant to Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT, and under the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of proposals for change), to the national and regional patent Offices of, or acting for, all PCT Contracting States, including all receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities, and designated and elected Offices, and to interested intergovernmental organizations, as well as to certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system.

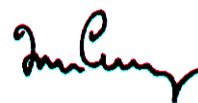
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2. The International Bureau has received or prepared two proposals for change to the standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications relating to modifications of Appendix I of Annex F. These proposals are available on WIPO's website as Annexes to the following proposals for change (PFC) files (see http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en):

- PCT/EF/PFC 06/002 Changes to Annex F, Appendix I (XML DTDs) (proposal by the International Bureau)
- PCT/EF/PFC 06/003 Changes to Annex F, Appendix I (XML DTDs) (proposal by the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office)

3. The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any comments on the proposal by September 11, 2006. Comments should preferably be made via the "Submit comments" facility on the Website (at http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en/submit_comment.htm), but may alternatively be made in writing by letter or by fax to 41-22-338 8040. Comments will be included as Annexes to the PFC file. Copies of the proposal on paper are available from the International Bureau on request. Inquiries concerning the proposal should be directed to Mr. Thiam Ming Song (e-mail: thiamming.song@wipo.int; phone: 41-22-338 9640; fax: 41-22-338 8040).

Yours sincerely,



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