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Madam,
Sir,

1. This Circular is sent to your Office in its capacity as a receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and/or designated/elected Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). It is also addressed to certain intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system and to commercial subscribers to PCT publications.

2. The purpose of this Circular is to inform you of updates in the information provided on the WIPO web-site regarding the structure of the publication of international applications, applicable to international applications filed on or after January 1, 2008, and of envisaged changes in the technical format of the publication of international applications as from July 1, 2008, as previously notified in the Circular PCT C.1127, dated December 21, 2007.

Updated information available on the WIPO web-site

3. In addition to the information previously made available at:

www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/wo_publication_information/2008/index.html

the following documents have been made available, at the same location, for your information:

(a) a link to the published Proposals for Change (PFC) to the DTDs in Annex F of the Administrative Instructions;

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- (b) a table describing the re-organization of the documents contained within the publication products;
- (c) a document summarizing the effects of each PFC on the resulting publication XML that will be produced using the revised DTD, including a description of the implementation in the changed usage of republication codes;
- (d) a set of revised Annex F DTDs; and
- (e) a limited number of samples of wo-published application XML.

Availability of samples of revised publication

4. In addition, the International Bureau wishes to furnish a sample of a complete publication week for testing purposes. It is expected that this publication week will be made available at the latest at the beginning of May 2008, on the WIPO public FTP site and on DVD (using the double layer format), though it should be noted that the DVD delivery will be subject to normal postal delivery times.

5. We would like to remind you that the guidance notes and the fully populated XML samples will reflect the future utilization of the XML specified by the revised DTD.

Yours sincerely,



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