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I have the pleasure to invite your Office, in its capacity as a receiving Office, International Searching Authority (ISA), International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) and/or designated or elected Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and interested intergovernmental organizations as well as certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, to the first session of the PCT Text Processing Task Force. The session will take place by videoconference on the Zoom platform from January 29 to 31, 2024 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. (Central European Time). The working language for the session will be English.

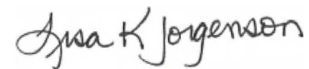
The aim of the Task Force is to advise the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on how to update filing, processing and publication requirements to allow more effective, attractive and widespread filing and processing of international applications in full text format throughout the international phase. This follows discussions at the PCT Working Group, at its fifteenth session in October 2022, inviting the International Bureau to continue to investigate issues regarding the processing of international applications in full text format to identify practical ways forward that would give clear and simple arrangements for applicants and would deliver the necessary technical results and legal certainty (see document PCT/WG/15/14).

The draft agenda of the session (document PCT/EF/TPTF/1 Prov.) and other working documents are available on the WIPO website at:
https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=81130. They will also be made available through the PCT Working Group Wiki discussion forum.

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You are invited to make comments on the draft agenda and provide the names and titles of the expert representatives of your Office or organization attending the session of the Task Force by January 15, 2024, preferably by e-mail to pct.wg@wipo.int. We will contact registered participants after this date to provide information on accessing the meeting through the remote platform.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa K. Jorgenson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and 'J'.

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