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Madam,
Sir,

I have the pleasure in inviting your Office, in its capacity as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), to the thirty-first session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (PCT/MIA) to be hosted by the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) in Beijing on October 16 and 17, 2024, starting at 9 a.m. (China Standard Time).

CNIPA would also like to invite your Office to attend a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the accession of China to the PCT on October 18, 2024, starting at 9 a.m. (China Standard Time).

I would also like to invite your Office to attend a meeting of the MIA Quality Subgroup to take place in Beijing on October 15, 2024, starting at 9 a.m. (China Standard Time), preceded by videoconference sessions from 12 noon to 3 p.m. (Central European Summer Time) on September 25 and 26, 2024.

The meetings in Beijing will be in-person only. The working language for the meetings will be English.

The draft agenda (document PCT/MIA/31/1 Prov.) and other working documents are available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=84116. I invite your Office to make comments on the draft agenda and provide proposals for additional agenda items by August 30, 2024, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int. For the Quality Subgroup, an informal agenda and information concerning preparations for the meeting will be made available through the PCT Quality Subgroup wiki discussion forum. If you require access to this forum, please send an e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int.

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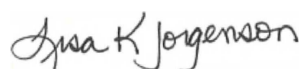
The draft agenda of the Quality Subgroup includes an item on paired review and small group discussions of quality management systems. The format and timing of these discussions will be discussed on the wiki discussion forum, but it is expected that they will take place in mid-September. Following agreement on the format of these discussions, a deadline for indicating your participation will be communicated on the forum. In addition, your Office is welcome to present any aspect of its Quality Management System to the Subgroup, whether to the remote or in-person part. Authorities that would like to make a presentation should send an email to pct.mia@wipo.int by August 30, 2024, but the presentation need only be sent the week before the meeting.

Further information on the event, including the venue, a recommended hotel and obtaining visas has been made available on the PCT Quality Subgroup electronic forum.

If you require assistance in obtaining visa and related items to travel to China, you are invited to contact Mr. WU Boxuan at CNIPA (email: wuboxuan@cnipa.gov.cn, telephone: + 86 10 62083837, cell phone: +86 13810689530).

It would be appreciated if the names and titles of the representatives of your Office attending the PCT/MIA meeting and the Quality Subgroup of the MIA could be communicated to the International Bureau by August 30, 2024, preferably by email to pct.mia@wipo.int. For each participant at the Quality Subgroup meeting, it should be indicated whether they will be participating in the videoconference sessions, the in-person part of the meeting in Beijing, or both. We will contact participants registered for the remote sessions after this date to provide information on accessing the meeting through the remote platform.

Yours sincerely,



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