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09:00 – 12:35 (Geneva time)

10:00 – 13:35 (Sofia time)

PROGRAM

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09:00 – 09:05 **Opening Remarks**

Ms. Olya Dimitrova, President, Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria (BPO), Sofia

Mr. Habip Asan, Director, Division for Transition and Developed Countries (TDC), Regional and National Development Sector (RNDS), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

Moderator: Mr. Emil Hasanov, Senior Program Officer, Section for Central European and Baltic States and Mediterranean Countries (CEBSMC), TDC, RNDS, WIPO

09:05 – 09:35 **Overview of the BPO's Role as a Receiving Office under the PCT**

- Procedures for Processing PCT Applications
- Electronic Tools for PCT Applications
- Statistical Data Overview
- Fee Structure

Speaker: Ms. Aneta Koleva, State Examiner, Examination and Protection of Inventions, Utility Models and Industrial Designs Directorate, BPO

09:35 – 10:35 **Understanding the PCT Treaty and the International Phase of PCT Applications**

- Search Process
- Publication of Applications
- Handling Changes and Corrections
- Timeline of PCT steps
- Overview of PCT Fee Tables

Speaker: Ms. Olga Krysanova, Program Officer, Offices Services Section, PCT International Cooperation Division, PCT Legal and International Affairs Department, Patents and Technology Sector, WIPO

10:35 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:15 **Introduction to WIPO Standard ST.26 and WIPO Sequence**

Speaker: Ms. Emma Francis, IP Data Expert, Standards Section, International Classifications and Standards Division, Infrastructure and Platforms Sector, WIPO

11:15 – 12:15 **Utilizing PCT Online Tools: ePCT for Applicants and Offices**

Speaker: Mr. Pascal Piriou, Senior Customer Support Assistant, PCT International User Outreach and Support Section, PCT International Cooperation Division, PCT Legal and International Affairs Department, Patents and Technology Sector, WIPO

12:15 – 12:30 Q&A Session

12:30 – 12:35 **Closing Remarks**

Ms. Galya Aygarova, Director, Examination and Protection of Inventions, Utility Models and Industrial Designs Directorate, BPO

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