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January 31, 2006

Re: Questionnaire on the implementation of paragraph 12(a) of WIPO
Standard ST.10/C

Madam,
Sir,

At its fifth and sixth sessions, held in November 2004 and September 2005, respectively, the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) agreed to a survey of industrial property offices being undertaken by the International Bureau, to determine the compliance with the provisions of paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C.

Paragraph 12 of WIPO Standard ST.10/C was revised at the fifth session of the SDWG. For further information concerning that revision, please refer to documents SCIT/SDWG/4/14 (paragraphs 20 to 30), SCT/SDWG/5/13 (paragraphs 27 to 31, and 101, Task No. 30) and SCIT/SDWG/6/11 (paragraphs 19 and 70, Task No. 30), which are available at http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_8d=120. WIPO Standard ST.10/C is available at <http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/standards/standards.htm>.

For your convenience, paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C, as amended by the SDWG at its fifth session, is reproduced in the Annex to this Circular.

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Accordingly, the International Bureau would appreciate your kind cooperation in providing the information requested in the attached questionnaire. Your Office is also invited to provide copies of filing notifications and priority certificates of patent applications, so that other industrial property offices may be informed as to how to proceed with regard to the priority application numbers of each office.

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If you receive the electronic version of this circular, the above-mentioned questionnaire is attached and may also be downloaded from WIPO's website <http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/mailbox/mastcirc.htm>. It would be appreciated if the duly completed electronic form could be returned to the International Bureau by e-mail.

If you receive this circular on paper, the questionnaire is attached for information purposes only. You are kindly requested to submit the completed questionnaire electronically by e-mail, unless you are unable to do so, in which case you may send the paper version.

It would be appreciated if your Office/Organization could complete the questionnaire as described above and return it along with electronic copies of filing notifications and priority certificates of patent applications, to the International Bureau, by e-mail, to scit.mail@wipo.int, by March 14, 2006.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Wilson', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Neil Wilson
Director and Chief Information Officer
IT Division

Enclosure: Questionnaire