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November 15, 2006

Re: Update of the Survey on the Presentation of Priority Application Numbers
(Implementation of paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C)

Madam,
Sir,

At its seventh session, held from May 29 to June 1, 2006, the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) considered a survey of industrial property offices (IPOs) to determine the compliance with the provisions of paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C. The said survey had been prepared by the International Bureau on the basis of the replies by IPOs to the questionnaire distributed along with Circular SCIT 2619, dated January 31, 2006. The SDWG agreed that IPOs should be encouraged to provide updates to the survey whenever possible. The SDWG also agreed that the Secretariat would send out a reminder to countries that had not replied to Circular SCIT 2619 to complete the survey and, when applicable, to invite IPOs to provide updated information regarding the survey, including updated copies of first filing notifications and priority certificates of patent documents. (See document SCIT/SDWG/7/3 and paragraph 19 of document SCIT/SDWG/7/9.)

The International Bureau has revised the survey on the basis of information received from IPOs during and after the seventh session of the SDWG. The revised Survey on the Presentation of Priority Application Numbers (provisional), including an Appendix with copies of first filing notifications and priority certificates of patent applications provided by IPOs, is available in electronic form, along with the documents referred to in this circular, at: <http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/mailbox/mastcirc.htm>.

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As a follow-up to the decision by the SDWG at its seventh session, the International Bureau would appreciate your kind cooperation in either:

./ (a) providing the information requested in the attached questionnaire, as well as electronic copies of first filing notifications and priority certificates of patent applications, if your Office did not reply to the above-mentioned Circular SCIT 2619; or

(b) providing updated information for the survey, including replies to the questionnaire and electronic copies of first filing notifications and priority certificates of patent documents, if applicable to your Office.

The attached questionnaire may also be downloaded from WIPO's website at: <http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/mailbox/mastcirc.htm>. 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.

For your convenience, paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C is reproduced in the Annex to this circular. WIPO Standard ST.10/C is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/standards/standards.htm>.

It would be appreciated if your Office could provide the requested information to the International Bureau, by e-mail, to scit.mail@wipo.int, by January 10, 2007.

Sincerely yours,



Neil Wilson
Director and Chief Information Officer
IT Division

Enclosure: Questionnaire