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December 10, 2010

Re: CWS Task Force on the preparation of a recommendation on the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings based on eXtensible Markup Language (XML)

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Madam,  
Sir,

At its first session, held from October 25 to 29, 2010, the Committee on WIPO Standards reached agreement to create the following new Task:

"Prepare a recommendation on the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings based on eXtensible Markup Language (XML) for adoption as a WIPO standard. The proposal of the new WIPO standard should be presented along with a report on the impact of the said standard on the current WIPO Standard ST.25, including the proposed necessary changes to Standard ST.25."

The CWS also created the corresponding Task Force to handle this Task with the European Patent Office as Task Leader. The CWS also requested the Task Force to liaise with the appropriate PCT body with regard to the possible impact of such standard on Annex C to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. The Task Force should present the proposal of the new WIPO standard and necessary changes to Standard ST.25 for consideration and approval by the CWS at its session to be held in 2011. (See paragraphs 26 to 29 of document CWS/1/10 Prov.)

The International Bureau hereby invites those offices wishing to participate actively in the Task Force to nominate a representative thereto. Participants are expected to be specialists having the required knowledge of the XML technologies and WIPO Standard ST.25. The work of the Task Force shall be conducted in English by electronic means and will commence in January 2011.

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Should your Office/Organization wish to participate in the Task Force, details of your representative (name, title, and e-mail address) should be sent to the International Bureau at *cws.mail@wipo.int* by January 4, 2011. It would be appreciated if the number of this Circular could be quoted as a reference in all correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yo Takagi". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Yo Takagi  
Assistant Director General