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Director General WIPO Geneva

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter under reference C.8585 dated 16 August 2016 and I would like to inform you as follows:

On the first two points of the Circular:

- (i) There is no experience in Cyprus on exceptions and limitations as such points are rarely brought forward because of the very limited number of national patent applications and,
- (ii) There are no known court cases in Cyprus with respect to client patent advisor privilege etc.

Regarding the update information which is requested in the second paragraph of WIPO's Circular please note:

(i) On certain aspects of national/regional laws there is no change for Cyprus and the state of affairs remains that stated in November 2015,

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- (ii) On opposition systems and other administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms under Cyprus Patent Law:
 - (a) Infringement proceedings for a patent can be brought before the Supreme Court.
 - (b) Invalidity proceedings are provided for before the Administrative Court, as the grant of a patent is an administrative act under Article 146 of the Constitution.

There are no invalidity proceedings before an administrative court provided for in our Patent Law.

Thank you for the communication.

I am at your disposal for any further points you may wish to raise.

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