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SUPPLEMENTARY INTERNATIONAL SEARCH:
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE PCT REGULATIONS

Proposal submitted by Japan and Spain

1. On September 19, 2007, the Director General received the following proposal by Japan and Spain for the adoption of an understanding by the Assembly in the event that the Assembly decides to adopt the amendments of the PCT Regulations relating to the introduction of the supplementary international search system (document PCT/A/36/7):

“It is proposed that the following understanding be adopted in relation to the amendments of the Regulations under the PCT relating to the supplementary international search system:

“In connection with the adoption of amended Rules 45*bis*, the Assembly noted that:

“(a) all International Searching Authorities shall continue making efforts to improve the quality of the main international search and the quality of the international search shall be reviewed at the PCT Meeting of International Authorities; and

“(b) the International Bureau shall report on the financial and operational situation of the supplementary international search system to the PCT Meeting of International Authorities and the PCT Assembly for their assessment; and

“(c) the Assembly shall review the supplementary international search system three years after the date of entry into force of the system.”

2. In the event that the Assembly decides to adopt the proposed amendments of the PCT Regulations set out in Annex II of document PCT/A/36/1 relating to the introduction of the supplementary international search system, the Assembly is invited to adopt the understanding set out in paragraph 1.

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