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FURTHER CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT

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1. The Annex to this document contains a proposal to amend Rule 60.1(b), c on sequential on the amendments adopted by the PCT Assembly on October 1, 2002, and due to enter into force on January 1, 2004 (see document PCT/A/31/10, Annex V).

2. *The Working Group is invited to consider the proposal contained in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

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Certain Defects in the Demand

60.1 *Defects in the Demand*

(a) to (a-ter) [No change]

(b) If the application complies with the invitation within the time limit under paragraph (a), the demand shall be considered as if it had been received on the actual filing date, provided that the demand as submitted ~~contained at least one election and~~ permitted the international application to be identified; otherwise, the demand shall be considered as if it had been received on the date on which the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives the correction.

[COMMENT: The proposed amendment of paragraph (b) is consequential on the amendments of the Regulations as adopted by the Assembly on October 1, 2002, with effect from January 1, 2004. Under Rule 53.7 as adopted by the Assembly with effect from January 1, 2004, the filing of the demand constitutes the election of all Contracting States which are redesignated and are bound by Chapter II of the Treaty.]

(c) to (g) [No change]

60.2 *[Remains deleted]*

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