The Chair of the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Ambassador François Rivasseau, presents his compliments and has the honor to transmit the enclosed Note (Ref. GEP/kws/IV/200 No. 31/20) from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Argentina, dated January 31, 2020, informing of the withdrawal of consideration of Dr. Dámaso Pardo as a candidate for the post of Director General of WIPO.

February 3, 2020

Enclosure: Note of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Argentina
The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Argentina to other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and has the honor to forward a letter from Dr. Dámaso Pardo dated January 28, 2020, addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship, announcing that for personal reasons, he has chosen to withdraw his candidacy for the position of Director General of WIPO and that, for this reason, the Republic of Argentina thereby withdraws its candidacy for the aforementioned position.

Accordingly, it would be appreciated if you could bring this to the attention of the Chair of the WIPO Coordination Committee and Member States of the Organization.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Argentina to other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to the World Intellectual Property Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, January 31, 2020