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C. SCIT 2436  
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March 29, 1999

Re: Two-Letter Code "GC" – WIPO Standard ST.3

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Madam,  
Sir,

In response to WIPO Circular SCIT 2423 of January 15, 1999, regarding the two-letter code "GC," the International Bureau received replies from 14 Offices (AM, CN, GB, IN, MG, MX, MZ, PT, RU, TG, TT, US, UZ, WS). All 14 Offices agreed to the proposal by the International Bureau to include in WIPO Standard ST.3 the two-letter code "GC" to designate the Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC).

The International Bureau has informed the Maintenance Agency Secretariat of International Standard ISO 3166 of the agreement reached by SCIT members on the code "GC" and the inclusion of the said code in WIPO Standard ST.3.

As stated in Circular SCIT 2423, and as a follow-up to the replies received thereto, the International Bureau will include the name of the GCC Patent Office and its two-letter code "GC" in Annex A, Sections 1 and 2, to WIPO Standard ST.3. The addition will be reflected in the next update of the paper edition of the *WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation*, as well as of the electronic version (WIPO Handbook CD-ROM and WIPO Web site).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.-P. Wittig', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

K.-P. Wittig  
Deputy Director

Inter-Office Information Services Department