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May 9, 2008

Re: Citation Practices of Industrial Property Offices (SDWG Task No. 36)

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Madam,  
Sir,

I would like to invite your Office to participate in a survey relating to Citation Practices of Industrial Property Offices. The survey is available in English, French and Spanish.

The objective of the survey is to allow users of citation reference information (e.g., industrial property offices, patent searchers, commercial providers, industrial property professionals) to more easily find and understand citation references now and in the future.

The survey was approved by the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) at its ninth session, held in February 2008 (see document SCIT/SDWG/9/12, paragraph 32). The content of the survey has been prepared by the SDWG Citation Practices Task Force (Task No. 36 of the SDWG Work Program).

You are kindly requested to use the online survey form available at <http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/mailbox/circ08.html>. Please provide only one official response for your Office. It would be highly appreciated if you could use the above-mentioned online form to prepare your response, rather than to send it on paper, floppy disk or by e-mail.

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In the event it is not possible for your Office to complete the survey online, a printable version of the form is available at <http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/mailbox/circ08.html>.

Any questions or other feedback that you might have concerning the survey should be forwarded to the following e-mail address: [SCIT.mail@wipo.int](mailto:SCIT.mail@wipo.int).

As in the past, the International Bureau will provide access to the completed surveys in the SCIT area of WIPO's website (<http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/mailbox/circ08.html>).

It would be appreciated if you could complete the survey no later than June 23, 2008.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Francis Gurry', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Francis Gurry  
Deputy Director General