Madam,
Sir,

At its second session, held from April 30 to May 4, 2012, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) reached agreement to create the following new Task:

“Revision of WIPO Standard ST.14:

(i) Prepare a proposal for the revision of category codes provided in paragraph 14 of WIPO Standard ST.14 taking into account comments and draft proposals stated in paragraphs 7 and 10 to 14 of document CWS/2/6.

(ii) Study the convenience of revising the recommendations for the identification of non-patent literature citations in order to bring WIPO Standard ST.14 in line with the International Standard ISO 690:2010 (Information and documentation – Guidelines for bibliographic references and citations to information resources). If the revision is considered convenient, prepare the corresponding proposal.”

The CWS also created the corresponding Task Force to handle this Task with the International Bureau as Task Leader. The Task Force should finalize the first component of the task, concerning category codes, and, as far as possible, the second component, regarding the identification of cited non-patent-literature, for consideration and approval by the CWS at its session to be held in 2013. (See paragraph 11 of document CWS/2/13).
The International Bureau hereby invites offices wishing to participate in the Task Force to nominate a representative thereto. Participants are expected to be specialists having the required knowledge of the Office's practices for presenting citations and WIPO Standard ST.14. The work of the Task Force will be conducted in English by electronic means and will commence in July 2012.

Should your Office/Organization wish to participate in the Task Force, details of your representative should be sent to the International Bureau at cws.mail@wipo.int by June 15, 2012 (please see Annex for further details). It would be appreciated if the number of this Circular could be quoted as a reference in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

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When validating the account, the representative will be asked to create a username to be used when accessing WIKI space. It is recommended that the username is preceded by the ST.3 code of your Office separated by a dash (e.g., “ca-jsmith”).

Once the account is created, the following details should be sent to the International Bureau at cws.mail@wipo.int:

- Name of Office/Organization;
- Last name, First name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.);
- Position in the Office;
- WIPO User Center ID (username created following the above instructions);
- E-mail address used when creating WIPO User Center account;
- ST.14 Task Force.

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