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**Administrative Instructions Under the
Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)**
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Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)**
Norme concernant le dépôt et le traitement électroniques

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE FILE/
DOSSIER RELATIF A LA PROPOSITION DE MODIFICATION

SUBJECT: Preparation for the eventual decommissioning of the PCT-SAFE software		PROPOSED BY: IB	
SUJET : Préparation de la mise hors service éventuelle du logiciel PCT-SAFE		PROPOSÉES PAR : IB	
HANDLING: Expedited cycle TRAITEMENT : Cycle accéléré		PROPOSED DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.01.2022 DATE PROPOSÉE D'ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR :	
Annex/ Annexe	Content/Contenu	Origin/ Origine	Date
1	Modification in preparation for the eventual decommissioning of the PCT-SAFE software Modification en vue de la mise hors service éventuelle du logiciel PCT-SAFE	IB	31.05.2021

Next action: Comment	By: 29.06.2021
Prochaine action : Commentaires	Pour le :

[Annex I follows/
L'annexe I suit]

Item 1	
Location:	Annex F, section 6
Change:	<p>FROM:</p> <p>6. ELECTRONIC FILING SOFTWARE</p> <p>The PCT-SAFE software supports all of the requirements of the basic common standard and certain alternatives available under Annex F. Use of the PCT-SAFE software is not mandatory but any applicant may choose to use it, in which case the receiving Office must accept the international application concerned (except where it has notified a transitional reservation under Als Section 703(f) in that respect). Any receiving Office may also specify other filing software acceptable to it.</p> <p>TO:</p> <p>6. ELECTRONIC FILING SOFTWARE</p> <p>The International Bureau provides software that supports all of the requirements of the basic common standard and certain alternatives available under Annex F.¹ Use of this software is not mandatory but any applicant may choose to use it, in which case the receiving Office must accept the international application concerned (except where it has notified a transitional reservation under Als Section 703(f) in that respect). Any receiving Office may also specify other filing software acceptable to it.</p> <p>¹ Editor's Note: The current software provided by the International Bureau for this purpose is ePCT. However, for as long as the old software PCT-SAFE is still available, any receiving Office may continue to accept PCT-SAFE or both ePCT and PCT-SAFE for this purpose during a transitional period.</p>
Reason:	This modification of Section 6 prepares for the eventual decommissioning of the PCT-SAFE software as it is superseded by the ePCT software.

[End of Annex I and of document/
Fin de l'annexe I et du document]