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Madam,
Sir,

1. Following consultation under Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) with interested Offices and Authorities on the occasion of the thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), held in Geneva, from September 23 to October 1, 2002 (see document PCT/A/31/9), the Administrative Instructions under the PCT are modified with effect from October 17, 2002, so as to provide expressly for a reduction of the international fee where the international application is filed in electronic form, as further detailed below.

2. The text of modified Sections 102*bis* and 707 is set out in document PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.4 (dated October 14, 2002), enclosed herewith; it will also be published in the *PCT Gazette* on October 17, 2002.

3. It is recalled that the PCT Assembly adopted, on October 1, 2002 (at the above mentioned session), modifications to the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations under the PCT. As a consequence, modifications to draft Sections 102*bis* and 707 had to be introduced. In Section 102*bis*(c), an express reference to renumbered item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees (rather than item 4 as previously) has been included. In modified Section 707, a new paragraph (b) which refers to new item 4(b) of the Schedule of Fees has been added, and the title of the Section has been changed to include a reference to "fee reduction".

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis Gurry', written in a cursive style.

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY: MODIFICATIONS

with effect from October 17, 2002

1. This document contains the text of modifications, with effect from October 17, 2002, as detailed below, of the Administrative Instructions Under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) as in force from September 6, 2002 (see documents PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 dated August 23, 2001, PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.1 dated October 26, 2001, PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.2 dated December 20, 2001, and PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.3 dated September 2, 2002). The modifications, which are promulgated after consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to Rule 89.2(a) of the Regulations under the PCT, involve the modification of Sections 102*bis* and 707, consequential on the amendment of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from October 17, 2002.
2. The text of the present modifications will be published in *PCT Gazette* No. 42/2002 on October 17, 2002.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(with effect from October 17, 2002)

Section 102bis
Filing of Request in PCT-EASY Format Together with
PCT-EASY Diskette Containing Request Data and Abstract

(a) [No change]

(b) [No change]

(c) Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application containing the request in PCT-EASY format filed, together with a PCT-EASY diskette, with a receiving Office which, under paragraph (a), accepts the filing of such international applications.

Section 707
Basic Fee; Fee Reduction

(a) Where an international application is filed in electronic form, the basic fee shall be calculated on the basis of the number of sheets that the application would contain if presented as a print-out on paper complying with the physical requirements prescribed in Rule 11.

(b) Item 4(b) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form.

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