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Madam,
Sir,

I have pleasure in inviting your Office, in its capacity as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), to the ninth session of the *Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT* (PCT/MIA), which will be held in Geneva, at the headquarters of WIPO, from July 21 to 25, 2003 (starting at 10 a.m.).

The working language will be English.

./ The draft agenda (document PCT/MIA/9/1) is enclosed. I invite your Office to provide comments on, or any further proposals for, the draft agenda. The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any such comments and proposals by June 30, 2003.

As for the previous session, the working documents will be made available on the PCT/MIA electronic forum, which has been established on WIPO's website at www.wipo.int/pct/mia; copies on paper will be sent only on request. I encourage Authorities to make use of this forum for advance discussion of issues arising from the eighth session (see document PCT/MIA/8/6) or from the working documents to be made available for the ninth session.

It would be appreciated if you could inform me of the names and titles of the representatives of your Office by June 30, 2003

Sincerely yours,

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

Francis Gurry
Assistant Director General

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