Madam,
Sir,

I refer to Note C. PCT 941 dated October 3, 2003, inviting your organization to be represented as an observer at the fifth session of the Working Group on Reform of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), convened to meet in Geneva from November 17 to 21, 2003.

I have pleasure in communicating that the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will cover the cost of travel by air in economy class and provide a daily subsistence allowance for one representative designated by your organization to participate in the session. Details of travel and other arrangements are set out in the Annex to this note.

I should be grateful if the name and title of the designated representative could be communicated to WIPO by means of the enclosed participation form before October 24, 2003.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Gurry
Assistant Director General

Enclosures: Annex Participation Form
ANNEX

TRAVEL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE

WORKING GROUP ON REFORM OF THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

FIFTH SESSION
NOVEMBER 17 TO 21, 2003

WIPO will provide the designated person with an air ticket in economy class from the location of his/her Office to Geneva and return. The price of any ticket bought by the designated person will not be reimbursed by WIPO.

WIPO will also provide the designated person with a daily subsistence allowance (“DSA” for hotel accommodation, meals and miscellaneous expenses) for the period of the meeting in Geneva at the applicable United Nations rate. The rate for Geneva is currently 311 Swiss francs. In addition a lump sum of 81 Swiss francs (subject to change) will be paid in respect of “terminal expenses” (for taxis, porters and other incidental expenses) on departure and arrival.

An accident insurance (accident only, not sickness) provided by WIPO will cover the period of the travel and the meeting.
PARTICIPATION FORM
(Request for payment of travel expenses)

1. Organization: ..............................................................................................

2. Surname: ........................................................................................................
   (in block letters) Mrs./Miss/Mr.
   First Name(s): ..............................................................................................

3. Present Official Title: ............................................................................................... 

4. Full Address: Ofﬁcial: ..........................................................................................
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   Private: .................................................................................................................

5. Telephone Numbers: Ofﬁcial: ................................................................. Private: ................................

6. Fax Numbers: Ofﬁcial: ................................................................. Private: ................................

7. E-mail: ..............................................................................................................................

   I conﬁrm that my organization will not cover the travel expenses related to my participation in the above-mentioned meeting.

   Date: .......................................................... Signature: ..........................................................

Note: WIPO will provide the round-trip air ticket (economy class); it will be delivered to the participant one to two weeks before the travel date. The daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the meeting, payable in Geneva, will be in accordance with the applicable United Nations rate (currently 311 Swiss francs, subject to change).

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