The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents its compliments to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the invitation to His Excellency’s Government to be represented at the fifth session of the Working Group on Reform of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), which will be held in Geneva, at the headquarters of WIPO, from November 17 (10 a.m.) to 21, 2003 (see Note C. PCT 937, dated October 3, 2003).

The following topic has now also been included for discussion at the session:

- proposals by Switzerland regarding the declaration of the source of genetic resources and traditional knowledge in patent applications.

As mentioned in Note C. PCT 937, working documents will be communicated direct to the industrial property Office of His Excellency’s Government and, on request, to His Excellency’s Ministry, and are also being made available on WIPO’s website (see http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings).

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