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Madam,
Sir,

I have pleasure in announcing the publication of the WIPO Index of Patent Systems on our web site at:
http://www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/resources/patent_systems.html.

This Index, which has been published for statistical purposes, is based on the results of the survey which was launched by WIPO in March 2005 (see Circular C.1020 dated March 3, 2005), and in which your Office, as well as over sixty other industrial property Offices worldwide, participated.

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In certain cases some country profiles have not been listed in the Index because we are still awaiting clarifications from the Offices before publication on our web site. If this is the case for your Office, we strongly encourage you to reply at your earliest convenience.

We hope that this Index will give a better understanding of the impact of the differences between patent systems on the interpretation of statistics and will be a useful tool to all those who use statistics in their daily activities (IP offices, analysts, economists, statisticians, etc.).

Sincerely yours,

Francis Gurry
Deputy Director General