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Madam,
Sir,

1. This circular concerns proposals for change to the standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) which will, if adopted, result in modifications of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. It is being sent, for the purposes of consultation pursuant to Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT, and under the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of proposals for change), to the national and regional patent Offices of, or acting for, all PCT Contracting States, including all receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities, and designated and elected Offices, and to interested intergovernmental organizations, as well as to certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system.

2. The International Bureau has prepared a number of proposals for change to the standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications relating to corrections and additions to the DTDs in view of the entry into force, on April 1, 2007, of a number of changes to the PCT Regulations (see especially proposed related changes to the Administrative Instructions in Circular C. PCT 1089). The proposals are available on WIPO's Website as annexes to the following proposal for change (PFC) files (see http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en):

- PCT/EF/PFC 06/004 “Updates to Annex F DTDs Relating to Modifications of the Request (Annex F, Appendix I)”;
- PCT/EF/PFC 06/005 “Updates to DTDs in Support of International Publication (Annex F, Appendix I)”.

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3. The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any comments on the proposals by February 2, 2007. Comments should preferably be made via the "Submit comments" facility on the Website (at http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en/submit_comment.htm), but may alternatively be made in writing by letter or by fax to +41-22-338 8040. Comments will be included as Annexes to the relevant PFC files. Copies of the proposals on paper are available from the International Bureau on request. Inquiries concerning the proposals should be directed to the International Bureau via a mailbox: pct.efiling@wipo.int. Please note that, in order for the International Bureau to update the electronic filing systems in view of the entry into force of modifications to the PCT Regulations on April 1, 2007, the Consultative Group has also been asked to submit its recommendations on the proposals contained in PCT/EF/PFC 06/004 and /005 files, by February 2, 2007.

Yours sincerely,



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