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 17th session of the Meeting of International Authorities Under the PCT (PCT/MIA), which will be held in Rio de Janeiro, hosted by the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property, from February 9 to 11, 2010, beginning at 10 a.m. The working language will be English.

Details of the venue and recommended hotels will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

The draft agenda (document PCT/MIA/17/1) is enclosed. The International Bureau would appreciate receiving your comments and proposals on the Draft Agenda by January 9, 2010.

As for previous sessions, the working documents will be made available electronically; copies on paper will be sent only on request.

It would be appreciated if the names and titles of the representatives of your Office could be communicated to the International Bureau of WIPO by January 9, 2010, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int.
I invite Authorities to submit their annual reports on their quality systems, in accordance with paragraph 21.17 or 21.18, as appropriate, of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines. Guidelines and templates for producing these reports can be found on the PCT/MIA electronic forum at www.wipo.int/pct-mia. These reports should be sent by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int by January 9, 2010.

Yours sincerely,

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Director General

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