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Madam,
Sir,

This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as a receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) and/or, designated or elected Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). It is also being sent to interested intergovernmental organizations as well as certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system.

This Circular concerns the conclusion of consultations, notified in PCT Circular C.PCT 1424, regarding proposals for change to the Standard for the Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications under the PCT (Annex F of the Administrative Instructions).

Description of changes

Proposed changes to Annex F and its appendices are set out in the following Proposal for Change (PFC) file (see http://www.wipo.int/efiling_standard/en/pfc_files.htm):

- PCT/EF/PFC 14/002 (Modification of the demand and related DTDs with the addition of elements and attributes for the next version of the PCT/IPEA/401 form), proposal by the International Bureau

The proposed changes to Annex F and its appendices are to address the requirements for rendering for the additional fields in the Form PCT/IPEA/401 suggested in the PCT Circular C.PCT 1417 sent to Offices for consultation on June 10, 2014. The results of this consultation, modifying the Form PCT/IPEA/401 were sent to Offices in the PCT Circular C.PCT 1423 on August 6, 2014.

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Conclusion of consultations

Consultations under PCT Rule 89.2 have been conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 2.5 of Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions.

The International Bureau has reviewed the comments received and concludes that the proposal is agreeable as proposed in the PFC. A consolidated, revised Appendix I to Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions can be found on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/january_2015/ai_dtd.pdf.

Further process

The modifications to Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions are hereby promulgated with effect from January 1, 2015.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Pooley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Pooley" clearly distinguishable.

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