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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 twenty-fifth session of the *Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT* (PCT/MIA), to be hosted by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office in Madrid from February 21 to 23, 2018, beginning at 10 a.m. I would also like to invite your Office to attend a meeting of the MIA Quality Subgroup to take place in Madrid on February 19 and 20, 2018, also beginning at 10 a.m. The working language for both of these meetings will be English.

The draft agenda (document PCT/MIA/25/1) and other working documents are available on the WIPO website at: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=46027. I invite your Office to make comments on the draft agenda and provide proposals for additional agenda items by January 5, 2018, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int. For the Quality Subgroup, an informal agenda and information concerning preparations for the meeting will be made available through the PCT Quality Subgroup wiki discussion forum. If you require access to the forum, please send an email to pct.mia@wipo.int.

Further information on the event, including pre-registration, the venue, and recommended hotels, will be made available shortly on the PCT/MIA electronic forum, which is accessible on the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct-mia (username: pctmia; password: miaforum).

If you require assistance in obtaining visas and related items for travel to Spain, you are invited to contact Mr. Alberto Casado Fernández, Head of Service, International Relations and Legal Coordination Department (email: departamento.coord-inter@oepm.es; telephone: +34 91 349 6801).

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It would be appreciated if the names and titles of the representatives of your Office attending the PCT/MIA meeting and the Quality Subgroup of the MIA could be communicated to the International Bureau of WIPO by January 26, 2018, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,

Francis Gurry Director General