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Madam,
Sir,

Report on Characteristics of International Search Reports

1. This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). In that capacity, and as a member of the quality subgroup of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT, your Office is invited to comment on the report on characteristics of international search reports as provided in the packages available in the electronic version of this Circular.

Background

2. For more than 10 years, the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has prepared reports presenting various characteristics of international search reports for discussion by the International Searching Authorities. The indicators shown in the reports are also available in the WIPO IP Statistics Data Center (<https://www3.wipo.int/ipstats/pmh-search/pct>).

3. Charts equivalent to those presented in the Annex to Circular C. PCT 1657 last year can be found in the data packages made available on the WIPO website at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/index.html>. As noted for the previous reports, the data for the final year is not complete because some search reports had not been processed in time to be reflected in the latest version of PATSTAT. The possibility of more frequent data updates and provision of additional information continue to be limited due to the cycle of publication and transcription of data, as well as the format of the PATSTAT database.

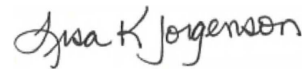
Issues for the Quality Subgroup

4. This subject will be discussed at the next meeting of the quality subgroup, which will take place through videoconference sessions on September 25 and 26, 2024, and in person in Beijing on October 15, 2024, before the thirty-first session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT.

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5. Your Office is invited to provide comments on the characteristics, how the characteristics, including technical breakdowns, can be used effectively, and what improvements to the presentation or content of characteristics and other metrics would be useful. Comments should be registered on the quality subgroup's electronic forum in advance of the meeting to assist delegations to prepare for an effective discussion of such issues during the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa K Jorgenson".

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