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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and would like to refer to the questionnaire on the term "Quality of Patents" and Cooperation between Patent Offices in Search and Examination, pursuant to the decision of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP), at its Twenty-fourth session held in Geneva from 27 to 30 June 2016.

In this regard, the Mission has the honour to enclose herewith the aforementioned questionnaire duly completed by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Intellectual Property Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Questionnaire on the Term "Quality of Patents" and cooperation between Patent
Offices in Search and Examination

The answers to this questionnaire have been provided on behalf of:

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Q1: Our office still not conducting search and examinations of patent application. Currently we do only formality check of the applications and soon will start with the examination process by outsource of the examination procedure

Q2: Regarding cooperation with other patent office. We have cooperation with GCC Patent office

Q3: regarding the used website our office in training process using the WIPO free Database like Patent Scope and espacenet

Q4: Regarding platform used again for training purpose we use the information provided by Patent Scope and espacenet

Q5: Regarding the impacts of cooperation for search and examination provided for example by WIPO Case facilities it helps small offices with limited resources and capacity to benefit from other offices search and examination reports

Q6: regarding the capacity building for different types of cooperation between patent offices in search and examination for small offices in our opinion :

- Firstly WIPO should provide guides to small offices regarding the minimum number of examiners to be recruited, the workflow of search examinations and minimum resources to be available for conducting search and examination
- Secondly on job training for the examiners on basics of search and examination and training on benefiting from WIPO platform facilities.