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Madam, Sir,

I have the pleasure to invite your Office, in its capacity as an International Searching Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), to the eighth meeting of the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force (the "Task Force"). The meeting will take place by videoconference using Microsoft Teams from Monday, May 19 to Friday, May 23, 2025, from 1 to 3 p.m. (Central European Summer Time) each day.

The working language for this meeting will be English. The draft agenda, prepared by the European Patent Office (EPO) as Task Force leader, is available on the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force wiki discussion forum. The agenda focuses on the preparations required for the timely implementation of the revised legal framework that will govern the PCT minimum documentation as of 2026. Offices having participated in the tests regarding the accessibility of their documentation in accordance with the new PCT minimum documentation requirements are invited to share their test experiences. Offices having not yet started the tests are invited to contact the EPO or the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Information regarding the testing phase is available on the discussion forum. For further information, see document PCT/WG/18/17 discussed at the eighteenth session of the PCT Working Group that took place from February 18 to 20, 2025.

The meeting documents as well as the report will be posted on the discussion forum. If you require access to the forum, please send an email to <a href="mailto:pct.mia@wipo.int">pct.mia@wipo.int</a>.

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You will need to receive an electronic invitation to participate in the meeting. To receive this invitation, you are invited to send the names, titles and e-mail addresses of the representative(s) of your Office attending the meeting to the EPO by e-mail to <a href="mailto:international\_pct\_affairs@epo.org">international\_pct\_affairs@epo.org</a> by April 25, 2025. If your Office would like to test the functioning of Microsoft Teams with the EPO before the meeting, please indicate this when you communicate the details of the participants from your Office.

Yours sincerely,

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