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Madam,
Sir,

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW EQUIVALENT AMOUNTS

This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as receiving Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for the purposes of information regarding new equivalent amounts of the search fee charged by the Japan Patent Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority.

The exchange rate between the Japanese yen (JPY) and the Swiss franc (CHF) has been, for more than four consecutive Fridays, more than five percent lower than the exchange rate used for establishing the present equivalent amounts.

Consequently, in accordance with the directives adopted by the PCT Assembly at its fortieth session (held from September 22 to October 1, 2009), new equivalent amounts in CHF will be established as follows, with effect from May 1, 2026:

JPY 169,000 = CHF 848
JPY 143,000 = CHF 718

The new amounts will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly.

Yours sincerely,



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