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**Re: Sao Tome and Principe accedes to the Patent Cooperation Treaty**

On April 3, 2008, Sao Tome and Principe deposited its instrument of accession to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) at WIPO, becoming the 139<sup>th</sup> country to accede to this international treaty.

The PCT will enter into force for Sao Tome and Principe on July 3, 2008. From this date on, Sao Tome and Principe will be automatically designated in every PCT applications, as well as in any demand for international preliminary examination filed on or after said date, being bound by Chapter II of the PCT.

Still as a consequence of Sao Tome and Principe acceding the PCT, nationals and residents of this country will themselves be able to file international patent applications through the referred Treaty.

We remind you that we remain at your disposal for any further information you may need.

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