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The Chair of the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Ambassador François Rivasseau, presents his compliments and has the honor to transmit the enclosed Note (Ref.: HU/WIPO/41) from the Permanent Mission of Japan, dated February 14, 2020, forwarding the letter of the same date from Mr. Kenichiro Natsume, informing of his withdrawal of consideration as a candidate for the post of Director General of WIPO.

February 17, 2020

Enclosure: Note of the Permanent Mission of Japan and letter from Mr. Kenichiro Natsume

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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and has the honor to forward a letter by the Japanese candidate to the position of the Director General of WIPO.

The Mission thereby informs the Permanent Representative of France, H.E. Mr. François Rivasseau in his capacity as the Chair of the WIPO Coordination Committee of Japan's withdrawal of its candidature.

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

Geneva, 14 February 2020



H.E. François Rivasseau,
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France

Geneva, February 14, 2020

I am addressing this communication to you in your capacity as elected Chair of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Coordination Committee (CoCo).

With the present letter I would like to inform you and request you to inform the WIPO Member States, especially Member States of CoCo that I have decided to withdraw my candidacy to the position of Director General of WIPO effective as of February 14, 2020.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan has been informed of this communication.

Excellency, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenichiro Natsume'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Kenichiro Natsume

Japanese candidate to the position of DG of WIPO

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