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Sir,

This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as receiving Office (RO), International Searching Authority (ISA), International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) and/or designated or elected Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for the purpose of consultation under PCT Rule 89.2(b). It is also addressed to certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system.

This Circular concerns proposed modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (AIs) in order to implement provisions of the PCT Regulations which permit the applicant to request that priority documents be obtained by ROs and the International Bureau from digital libraries rather than having to be supplied directly by the applicant. This Circular also concerns corresponding changes to the request Form (Form PCT/RO/101).

*Background*

It is recalled that a number of Rules have been amended with effect from January 1, 2004 or April 1, 2007 to make provision for priority documents being obtained from digital libraries instead of being furnished by the applicant, as follows:

*Rule 17.1(b-bis):* the RO or the International Bureau obtaining a priority document at the request of the applicant;

*Rule 17.1(d):* the designated Office obtaining a priority document;

*Rule 66.7(a):* the IPEA (or an ISA, by virtue of Rule 43bis.1(b)) obtaining a priority document;

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*Rule 91.1(e)*: the RO obtaining a priority document.

In view of the development of priority document exchange systems between the Offices of certain Contracting States, including the WIPO Digital Access Service for priority documents, it is proposed now to provide AIs to implement the Rules which provide for the retrieval of priority documents held in digital libraries for the purposes of the PCT.

*Description of Proposed Arrangements*

In essence, it is proposed that availability of a document from a digital library should be recognized in accordance with the AIs where the Office which would obtain the document from the digital library has notified to the International Bureau that the appropriate systems are in place for accessing that library and it is willing to obtain such documents – it would be up to the notifying Office to correctly state the scope and conditions of service which it was capable of offering.

In the case of access to a document by the International Bureau, Offices wishing to offer access to their digital libraries are invited to contact the International Bureau to request that the appropriate technical connection be set up. The Director General would publish a notice in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* to indicate the availability of the service when the connection has been set up.

It is envisaged that the first such service to be made available for PCT purposes will be the retrieval of priority documents by the International Bureau through the WIPO Digital Access Service. Information about this service can be found on the WIPO website at [www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/priority\\_documents/faqs/offices.html](http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/priority_documents/faqs/offices.html).

Since the WIPO Digital Access Service is already in operation, it is expected that the Director General of WIPO would declare that the International Bureau is prepared to obtain priority documents via that service with effect from the same date that the modifications to the Administrative Instructions come into effect.

Where technical problems mean that a particular document is in fact not available despite the applicant having taken any appropriate steps which may be needed in order to meet the requirements of a notification as above, the relevant time limits would nevertheless be considered to have been met provided that:

(i) the request to obtain the document was made to the relevant Office within the appropriate time limit; and

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(ii) the applicant supplies a copy of the relevant document (either physically or by virtue of the document again becoming available from the digital library) within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances and at least two months from a notification that the document could not be retrieved.

This is consistent with the approach agreed for the equivalent aspect of the WIPO Digital Access Service (see paragraph 14 of the Digital Access Service Framework Provisions on page 14 of the Appendix to document A/43/10).

Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) provides for the possibility to charge a fee for a request to have the RO or the International Bureau obtain a priority document. However, in order to keep the system as simple and efficient as possible, the International Bureau would strongly encourage participating Offices not to charge a fee for such requests. Assuming that access is given to Offices' systems free of charge, the International Bureau will not charge a fee for accessing a document from a digital library.

*Proposed modifications to the AIs and the request Form*

It is proposed to add new Sections 715 and 716 to the Administrative  
./ Instructions (see Annex I).

Modifications are also proposed to the request Form (PCT/RO/101) to  
./ allow the applicant to request the retrieval of priority document(s) from the receiving Office or the International Bureau under Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) (see Annex II).

The occasion of this Circular is also used to consult on several other unrelated modifications to the request Form. In Box No. V, the possibility to exclude the designation of the Russian Federation is proposed to be deleted (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*, 20 August 2009) in order to reflect the change in national law with effect of June 5, 2009.

Furthermore, on request of applicants, the possibility to obtain notifications from Authorities by e-mail can now be requested either in addition to the paper copy of the notifications or, as a new feature, by e-mail only. This only applies where an Office or Authority is interested in offering this service.

Moreover, in the notes to the request Form, information has been added to advise applicants to mark-up the request Form where the copy submitted is the original of an earlier copy filed by facsimile. Such a mark-up is intended to help receiving Offices to avoid that a confirmation copy of an international application already submitted by facsimile is taken as a new application.

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Furthermore, for the July 2009 request Form, the term “deposit account” on the fee calculation sheet was changed to “current account”. This has caused some confusion with Offices and applicants and it is now proposed to modify the language again and to refer to “deposit or current account” on the fee calculation sheet.

To assist in identifying the changes to the request Form, the International Bureau has prepared a set of marked-up versions to accompany this Circular. The mark-ups indicate deleted and new text on separate pages. Thus, on the first marked-up page, the deleted text appears in red with the text struck out. This is followed by the second marked-up page of the same form where new text is underlined in blue. Each page indicates clearly whether it concerns deleted or new text.

*Comments on the proposed modifications to the AIs and the Request Form*

You are invited to provide comments, if any, to the International Bureau by December 7, 2009, preferably by fax to (+41 22) 910 00 30 or by email to [pct.legal@wipo.int](mailto:pct.legal@wipo.int).

Yours sincerely,



Francis Gurry  
Director General

Enclosures:      Annex I – Proposed modified Sections 715 and 716 of the AIs  
  
                         Annex II – Proposed modified Form PCT/RO/101

**Section 715**

**Availability of Priority Documents from Digital Libraries**

(a) For the purposes of Rules 17.1(b-bis), 17.1(d) (where appropriate, as applicable by virtue of Rules 17.1(c) and 82ter.1(b)), 66.7(a) (where appropriate, as applicable by virtue of Rule 43bis.1(b)) and 91.1(e), a priority document shall be considered to be available from a digital library to the receiving Office, the International Bureau, a designated Office, the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be:

- (i) if the Office or Authority concerned has notified the International Bureau, or the International Bureau has declared, as the case may be, that it is prepared to obtain priority documents from that digital library; and

[COMMENT: The International Bureau would strongly welcome approaches from any Office able to offer access to digital libraries, with a view to beginning technical tests and making a declaration with respect to particular libraries as soon as possible after these sections enter into force.]

- (ii) the priority document concerned is held in that digital library and the applicant has, to the extent required by the procedures for accessing the relevant digital library, authorized the Office or Authority concerned or the International Bureau, as the case may be, to access that priority document.

[COMMENT: Some digital libraries allow other Offices to retrieve documents freely without any specific permission being given by the applicant. Others require the applicant to have signed a confidentiality waiver or, in the case of the Digital Access Service, to have specifically indicated that the relevant Office should be permitted to access a document.]

(b) A notification to the International Bureau under paragraph 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents<sup>1</sup> by

(i) the International Bureau; or

(ii) an Office in its capacity as receiving Office, designated Office, International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority,

that it is prepared to obtain priority documents via the Digital Access Service shall be taken as a declaration or notification under paragraph (a)(i) that the International Bureau or Office acting in the relevant capacity will obtain priority documents through the Digital Access Service from any digital library which has been the subject of a notification in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Framework Provision, including libraries for which such a notification is subsequently made with effect prior to the date on which the Office or Bureau is requested to retrieve the priority document.

[COMMENT: It is not necessary for an Office to accept priority documents from digital libraries in its PCT roles simply because it does so in its role as a national Office. However, where it chooses to do so, it will not be necessary to make a special PCT notification for the Digital Access Service in addition to the notification which is already required under the terms of that Service, as long as the Office makes clear that the DAS notification is made in, or including, one or more of its PCT roles. Furthermore, the extent of the notification will automatically be recognized to cover the full scope of the Digital Access Service as more digital libraries become available through it.]

(c) An Office or Authority which has given a notification to the International Bureau under paragraph (a)(i) or (b) shall notify the International Bureau of any change in the information so notified.

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<sup>1</sup> established by the International Bureau on 31 March 2009 and available at: [www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/patentscope/en/pdocforum/pdf/jp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/patentscope/en/pdocforum/pdf/jp.pdf)

(d) The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification received by it under paragraph (a)(i) or (b) of this Section, any declaration made by it under paragraph (a)(i) or (b), and any change in the information so declared.

(e) The effective date of any change published under paragraph (d) shall be as specified by the Office or Authority concerned or by the International Bureau, as the case may be, provided that any change which restricts the ability of the applicant to request the Office, the Authority or the International Bureau to obtain a priority document from the digital library shall, except in the case where priority documents are no longer held in the digital library, not be effective earlier than two months after the date of publication of the change in the Gazette.

**Section 716**

**Request that Priority Document be Obtained**

**from a Digital Library under Rule 17.1(b-bis)**

(a) Any request under Rule 17.1(b-bis):

(i) shall identify the priority document concerned in accordance with Rule 4.10(a);

(ii) where the priority document is held in connection with another application which relied upon that priority document to support a priority claim in a digital library which is not a participating digital library as referred to in Section 715(a)(ii), and if so required by the receiving Office or the International Bureau, shall indicate the number of that other application; and

[COMMENT: Some Offices have indicated that their digital libraries will permit access not only to applications originally filed at that Office, but to certified copies of applications filed at other Offices which have been submitted as priority documents but that, in order to access them, the applicant would need to specify the number of the later application in addition to that of the actual application to be downloaded. This should not be required for applications retrieved through the Digital Access Service, where the correlation between the two applications is already known to the system, having been noted when the document is first registered.]

(iii) where applicable, shall be accompanied by the fee referred to in Rule 17.1(b-bis).

(b) Where the applicant, in accordance with Rule 17.1(b-bis) and paragraph (a) of this Section, requests the receiving Office or the International Bureau to obtain a priority document which, in accordance with Section 715(a), is considered to be available from a digital library to that Office or the International Bureau, but that Office or the International Bureau finds that the priority document is in fact not available to it,



that Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, shall notify the applicant, giving the opportunity to furnish the priority document to it, or to ensure that the document is made available to it from a digital library, within a time limit of not less than two months from the date of the notification. Where the priority document is furnished or becomes available to the Office or the International Bureau within that two-month time limit, the requirements of Rule 17.1(b-bis) shall be considered to have been met. If the priority document is not so furnished or does not become available within that two-month time limit, the request that the document be obtained from a digital library shall be considered not to have been made.

[COMMENT: This is a safeguard provision for applicants in the event that the system breaks down despite them having taken all the necessary steps in good time. It is modelled on paragraph 14 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service.]

(c) Where the applicant requests the receiving Office or the International Bureau under Rule 17.1(b-bis) to obtain a priority document from a digital library but that request does not comply with the requirements of that Rule and paragraph (a) of this Section, or the priority document concerned is not considered to be available to that Office or the International Bureau in accordance with Section 715(a), that Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, shall promptly inform the applicant accordingly.

[Annex II follows]

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The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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  - (iii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, **the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America:** in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;
  - (iv) if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. IV, there are **further agents:** in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. IV" and indicate for each further agent the same type of information as required in Box No. IV;
  - (v) if, in Box No. VI, there are **more than four earlier applications whose priority is claimed:** in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI.*
2. *If the applicant intends to make an indication of the wish that the international application be treated, in certain designated States, as an application for a patent of addition, certificate of addition, inventor's certificate of addition or utility certificate of addition: in such a case, write the name or two-letter code of each designated State concerned and the indication "**patent of addition,**" "**certificate of addition,**" "**inventor's certificate of addition**" or "**utility certificate of addition,**" the number of the parent application or parent patent or other parent grant and the date of grant of the parent patent or other parent grant or the date of filing of the parent application (Rules 4.11(a)(i) and 49bis.1(a) or (b)).*
3. *If the applicant intends to make an indication of the wish that the international application be treated, in the United States of America, as a continuation or continuation-in-part of an earlier application: in such a case, write "United States of America" or "US" and the indication "**continuation**" or "**continuation-in-part**" and the number and the filing date of the parent application (Rules 4.11(a)(ii) and 49bis.1(d)).*

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**Supplemental Box***If the Supplemental Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

1. *If, in any of the Boxes, except Boxes Nos. VIII(i) to (v) for which a special continuation box is provided, **the space is insufficient** to furnish all the information: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No...." (indicate the number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required according to the captions of the Box in which the space was insufficient, in particular:
 
  - (i) **if more than one person is to be indicated as applicant and/or inventor** and no "continuation sheet" is available: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. III" and indicate for each additional person the same type of information as required in Box No. III. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below;
  - (ii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the indication **"the States indicated in the Supplemental Box"** is checked: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the applicant(s) involved and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is applicant;
  - (iii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, **the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America:** in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;
  - (iv) if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. IV, there are **further agents:** in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. IV" and indicate for each further agent the same type of information as required in Box No. IV;
  - (v) if, in Box No. VI, there are **more than three earlier applications whose priority is claimed:** in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI.*
2. *If the applicant intends to make an indication of the wish that the international application be treated, in certain designated States, as an application for a patent of addition, certificate of addition, inventor's certificate of addition or utility certificate of addition: in such case, write the name or two-letter code of each designated State concerned and the indication "**patent of addition,**" "**certificate of addition,**" "**inventor's certificate of addition**" or "**utility certificate of addition,**" the number of the parent application or parent patent or other parent grant and the date of grant of the parent patent or other parent grant or the date of filing of the parent application (Rules 4.11(a)(i) and 49bis.1(a) or (b)).*
3. *If the applicant intends to make an indication of the wish that the international application be treated, in the United States of America, as a continuation or continuation-in-part of an earlier application: in such case, write "United States of America" or "US" and the indication "**continuation**" or "**continuation-in-part**" and the number and the filing date of the parent application (Rules 4.11(a)(ii) and 49bis.1(d)).*

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Box No. V DESIGNATIONS				
The filing of this request <b>constitutes under Rule 4.9(a) the designation</b> of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.				
However,				
<input type="checkbox"/> DE Germany <b>is not designated</b> for any kind of national protection				
<input type="checkbox"/> JP Japan <b>is not designated</b> for any kind of national protection				
<input type="checkbox"/> KR Republic of Korea <b>is not designated</b> for any kind of national protection				
<input type="checkbox"/> RU Russian Federation <b>is not designated</b> for any kind of national protection				
<i>(The check-boxes above may only be used to exclude (irrevocably) the designations concerned if, at the time of filing or subsequently under Rule 26bis.1, the international application contains in Box No. VI a priority claim to an earlier national application filed in the particular State concerned, in order to avoid the ceasing of the effect, under the national law, of this earlier national application.)</i>				
Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM				
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:				
Filing date of earlier application <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application: regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1)				
item (2)				
item (3)				
<del>item (4)</del>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.				
<del>Transmit certified copy:</del> the receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) <i>(only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office)</i> identified above as:				
<input type="checkbox"/> all items <input type="checkbox"/> item (1) <input type="checkbox"/> item (2) <input type="checkbox"/> item (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <del>item (4)</del> <input type="checkbox"/> other, see Supplemental Box				
<b>Restore the right of priority:</b> the receiving Office is requested to restore the right of priority for the earlier application(s) identified above or in the Supplemental Box as item(s) (_____). <i>(See also the Notes to Box No. VI; further information must be provided to support a request to restore the right of priority.)</i>				
<b>Incorporation by reference:</b> where an element of the international application referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) or a part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5(a) is not otherwise contained in this international application but is completely contained in an earlier application whose priority is claimed on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, that element or part is, subject to confirmation under Rule 20.6, incorporated by reference in this international application for the purposes of Rule 20.6.				
Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY				
<b>Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA)</b> <i>(if more than one International Searching Authority is competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):</i>				
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However,				
<input type="checkbox"/> DE Germany <b>is not designated</b> for any kind of national protection				
<input type="checkbox"/> JP Japan <b>is not designated</b> for any kind of national protection				
<input type="checkbox"/> KR Republic of Korea <b>is not designated</b> for any kind of national protection				
<i>(The check-boxes above may only be used to exclude (irrevocably) the designations concerned if, at the time of filing or subsequently under Rule 26bis.1, the international application contains in Box No. VI a priority claim to an earlier national application filed in the particular State concerned, in order to avoid the ceasing of the effect, under the national law, of this earlier national application.)</i>				
Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM				
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:				
Filing date of earlier application <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application: regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1)				
item (2)				
item (3)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.				
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>The International Bureau</u> is requested to obtain from a digital library, a certified copy of the earlier application(s) <i>(if the earlier application(s) is available to it from a digital library)</i> identified above as:				
<input type="checkbox"/> all items <input type="checkbox"/> item (1) <input type="checkbox"/> item (2) <input type="checkbox"/> item (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other, see Supplemental Box				
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>The receiving Office</u> is requested to prepare, or, if the earlier application(s) is available to the receiving Office from a digital library, to obtain and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) <i>(if the earlier application(s) was filed with the Office which, for the purposes of this international application, is the receiving Office or if the earlier application(s) is available to it from a digital library)</i> , identified above as:				
<input type="checkbox"/> all items <input type="checkbox"/> item (1) <input type="checkbox"/> item (2) <input type="checkbox"/> item (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other, see Supplemental Box				
<b>Restore the right of priority:</b> the receiving Office is requested to restore the right of priority for the earlier application(s) identified above or in the Supplemental Box as item(s) (_____). <i>(See also the Notes to Box No. VI; further information <b>must</b> be provided to support a request to restore the right of priority.)</i>				
<b>Incorporation by reference:</b> where an element of the international application referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) or a part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5(a) is not otherwise contained in this international application but is completely contained in an earlier application whose priority is claimed on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, that element or part is, subject to confirmation under Rule 20.6, incorporated by reference in this international application for the purposes of Rule 20.6.				
Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY				
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Continuation of Box No. VII USE OF RESULTS OF EARLIER SEARCH, REFERENCE TO THAT SEARCH		
<input type="checkbox"/> The ISA indicated in Box No. VII is requested to take into account the results of the earlier search(es) indicated below ( <i>see also Notes to Box VII; use of results of more than two earlier searches</i> ).		
Filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> )	Application Number	Country ( <i>or regional Office</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Statement (Rule 4.12(ii)):</b> this international application is the same, or substantially the same, as the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out except, where applicable, that it is filed in a different language.		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Availability of documents:</b> the following documents are available to the ISA in a form and manner acceptable to it and therefore do not need to be submitted by the applicant to the ISA (Rule 12bis.1(f)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a copy of the results of the earlier search,*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a copy of the earlier application,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a translation of the earlier application into a language which is accepted by the ISA,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a translation of the results of the earlier search into a language which is accepted by the ISA,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a copy of any document cited in the results of the earlier search. (<i>If known, please indicate below the document(s) available to the ISA:</i>)</li> </ul>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Transmit copy of results of earlier search and other documents</b> ( <i>where the earlier search was not carried out by the ISA indicated above but by the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office</i> ): the <b>receiving Office</b> is requested to prepare and transmit to the ISA (Rule 12bis.1(c)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a copy of the results of the earlier search,*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a copy of the earlier application,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a copy of any document cited in the results of the earlier search.</li> </ul>		
* Where the results of the earlier search are neither available from a digital library nor transmitted by the receiving Office, the applicant is required to submit them to the receiving Office (Rule 12bis.1(a)) ( <i>See item 11. in the check-list and also Notes to Box No. VII</i> ).		
Filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> )	Application Number	Country ( <i>or regional Office</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Statement (Rule 4.12(ii)):</b> this international application is the same, or substantially the same, as the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out except, where applicable, that it is filed in a different language.		
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* Where the results of the earlier search are neither available from a digital library nor transmitted by the receiving Office, the applicant is required to submit them to the receiving Office (Rule 12bis.1(a)) ( <i>See item 11. in the check-list and also Notes to Box No. VII</i> ).		
<input type="checkbox"/> Further earlier searches are indicated on a continuation sheet.		
Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS		
The following <b>declarations</b> are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) ( <i>mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration</i> ):		Number of declarations
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv)	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v)	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	:

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<b>Continuation of Box No. VII USE OF RESULTS OF EARLIER SEARCH, REFERENCE TO THAT SEARCH</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The ISA indicated in Box No. VII is requested to take into account the results of the earlier search(es) indicated below ( <i>see also Notes to Box VII; use of results of more than two earlier searches</i> ).		
Filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> )	Application Number	Country ( <i>or regional Office</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Statement (Rule 4.12(ii)):</b> this international application is the same, or substantially the same, as the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out except, where applicable, that it is filed in a different language.		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Availability of documents:</b> the following documents are available to the ISA in a form and manner acceptable to it and therefore do not need to be submitted by the applicant to the ISA (Rule 12bis.1(f)):		
<input type="checkbox"/> a copy of the results of the earlier search,*		
<input type="checkbox"/> a copy of the earlier application,		
<input type="checkbox"/> a translation of the earlier application into a language which is accepted by the ISA,		
<input type="checkbox"/> a translation of the results of the earlier search into a language which is accepted by the ISA,		
<input type="checkbox"/> a copy of any document cited in the results of the earlier search. ( <i>If known, please indicate below the document(s) available to the ISA:</i> )		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Transmit copy of results of earlier search and other documents</b> ( <i>where the earlier search was not carried out by the ISA indicated above but by the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office</i> ): the <b>receiving Office</b> is requested to prepare and transmit to the ISA (Rule 12bis.1(c)):		
<input type="checkbox"/> a copy of the results of the earlier search,*		
<input type="checkbox"/> a copy of the earlier application,		
<input type="checkbox"/> a copy of any document cited in the results of the earlier search.		
* Where the results of the earlier search are neither available from a digital library nor transmitted by the receiving Office, the applicant is required to submit them to the receiving Office (Rule 12bis.1(a)) ( <i>See item 11. in the check-list and also Notes to Box No. VII</i> ).		
Filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> )	Application Number	Country ( <i>or regional Office</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Statement (Rule 4.12(ii)):</b> this international application is the same, or substantially the same, as the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out except, where applicable, that it is filed in a different language.		
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<input type="checkbox"/> a copy of the results of the earlier search,*		
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Transmit copy of results of earlier search and other documents</b> ( <i>where the earlier search was not carried out by the ISA indicated above but by the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office</i> ): the <b>receiving Office</b> is requested to prepare and transmit to the ISA (Rule 12bis.1(c)):		
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<input type="checkbox"/> a copy of any document cited in the results of the earlier search.		
* Where the results of the earlier search are neither available from a digital library nor transmitted by the receiving Office, the applicant is required to submit them to the receiving Office (Rule 12bis.1(a)) ( <i>See item 11. in the check-list and also Notes to Box No. VII</i> ).		
<input type="checkbox"/> Further earlier searches are indicated on a continuation sheet.		
<b>Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS</b>		
The following <b>declarations</b> are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) ( <i>mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration</i> ):		Number of declarations
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv)	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v)	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	:

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**Box No. VIII (i) DECLARATION: IDENTITY OF THE INVENTOR**

*The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 211; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (i). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51 bis.1(a)(i)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (i)".

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**Box No. VIII (i) DECLARATION: IDENTITY OF THE INVENTOR**

*The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 211; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (i). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51 bis.1(a)(i)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (i)".

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**Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT**

*The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51 bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

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**Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT**

*The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51 bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

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**Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY**

*The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iii)".



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**Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY**

*The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iii)".

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**Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)**  
*The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))  
for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:**

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/ . . . . . (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications: . . . . .  
. . . . .

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name: . . . . .

Residence: . . . . .  
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address: . . . . .  
. . . . .

Citizenship: . . . . .

Inventor's Signature: . . . . . Date: . . . . .  
(The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Name: . . . . .

Residence: . . . . .  
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address: . . . . .  
. . . . .

Citizenship: . . . . .

Inventor's Signature: . . . . . Date: . . . . .  
(The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)".

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**Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)**  
*The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))  
for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:**

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

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I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**Different Applicants for Different Designated States** (Rules 4.5(d), 18.3 and 19.2): It is possible to indicate different applicants for the purposes of different designated States. At least one of all the applicants named must be a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts, irrespective of the designated State(s) for the purposes of which that applicant is named. *All of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the United States of America (except as indicated above) and the check-boxes "This person is also inventor" (in Box No. II) and/or "applicant and inventor" (in Box No. III) must be marked.*

For the indication of the designated States for which a person is applicant, mark the applicable check-box (only one for each person). The check-box "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" must be marked where none of the other three check-boxes fits the circumstances; in such a case, the name of the person must be repeated in the Supplemental Box with an indication of the States for which that person is applicant (see item 1(ii) in that Box).

**Naming of Inventor** (Rule 4.1(a)(iv) and (c)(i)): The inventor's name and address must be indicated since the national law of the United States of America requires that the name of the inventor be furnished at the time of filing. It is strongly recommended to always name the inventor. For details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and B2.

**Different Inventors for Different Designated States** (Rule 4.6(c)): Different persons may be indicated as inventors for different designated States (for example, where, in this respect, the requirements of the national laws of the designated States are not the same); in such a case, the Supplemental Box must be used (see item 1(iii) in that Box). In the absence of any indication, it will be assumed that the inventor(s) named is (are) inventor(s) for all designated States.

The address must be indicated in such a way that it allows prompt postal delivery; it must consist of all the relevant administrative units (up to and including the indication of the house number, if any), the postal code (if any), and the name of the country.

Only one address may be indicated per person. For the indication of a special "address for correspondence", see the notes to Box No. IV.

**Telephone, Facsimile Numbers and/or E-mail Addresses** should be indicated for the persons named in Boxes Nos. II and IV in order to allow rapid communication with them (see Rule 4.4(c)). Any telephone or facsimile number should include the applicable country and area codes. A single e-mail address only should be indicated.

Unless ~~the associated check-box~~ is marked, any e-mail address supplied will be used only for the types of communication which might be made by telephone. ~~If the associated check-box is selected, the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority may, if they wish to do so, send advance copies of notifications in respect of the international application to the applicant, avoiding processing or postal delays. Any such e-mail notifications will always be followed by the official notification on paper. Only that paper copy of the notification is considered the legal copy of the notification and only the date of mailing of that paper copy will commence any time limit within the meaning of Rule 80.~~

Note that it is the applicant's responsibility to keep any e-mail address details up-to-date and to ensure that incoming e-mails are not blocked for any reason on the recipient's side. Changes to the e-mail address indicated in the request should be requested to be recorded, preferably directly at the International Bureau, under Rule 92*bis*. Where the e-mail authorization is given both in respect of the applicant and in respect of an agent or common representative, the International Bureau will send e-mail communications only to the appointed agent or common representative.

**Applicant's Registration Number with the Office** (Rule 4.5(e)): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

**Nationality** (Rules 4.5(a) and (b) and 18.1): For each applicant, the nationality must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a national. A legal entity constituted according to the national law of a State is considered a national of that State. The indication of the nationality is not required where a person is inventor only.

**Residence** (Rules 4.5(a) and (c) and 18.1): For each applicant, the residence must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a resident. If the State of residence is not indicated, it will be assumed to be the same as the State indicated in the address. Possession of a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a State is considered residence in that State. The indication of the residence is not required where a person is inventor only.

**Names of States** (Section 115): For the indication of names of States, the two-letter codes appearing in WIPO Standard ST.3 and in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex K, may be used.

#### BOX No. IV

**Who Can Act as Agent?** (Article 49 and Rule 83.1*bis*): For each of the receiving Offices, information as to who can act as agent is given in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C.

**Agent or Common Representative** (Rules 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 and 90.2 and Section 108): Mark the applicable check-box in order to indicate whether the person named is (or has been) appointed as "agent" or "common representative" (the "common representative" must be one of the applicants). For the manner in which name(s), address(es) (including names of States), telephone, facsimile numbers and/or e-mail addresses must be indicated, see the notes to Boxes Nos. II and III. Where several agents are listed, the agent to whom correspondence should be addressed is to be listed first. If there are two or more applicants but no common agent is appointed to represent all of them, one of the applicants who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State may be appointed by the other applicants as their common representative. If this is not done, the applicant first named in the request who is entitled to file an international application with the receiving Office concerned will be considered to be the common representative.

**Manner of Appointment of Agent or Common Representative** (Rules 90.4 and 90.5 and Section 106): The appointment of an agent or a common representative may be effected by designating the agent or common representative in Box No. IV and by the applicant signing the request or a separate power of attorney. Where there are two or more applicants, the appointment of a common agent or common representative must be effected by each applicant signing, at his choice, the request or a separate power of attorney. If the separate power of attorney is not signed, or if the required separate power of attorney is missing, or if the indication of the name or address of the appointed person does not comply with Rule 4.4, the power of attorney will be considered non-existent unless the defect is corrected. However, the receiving Office may waive the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it (for details about each receiving Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C).

Where a general power of attorney has been filed and is referred to in the request, a copy thereof must be attached to the request. Any applicant who did not sign the general power of attorney must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney, unless the receiving Office has waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it (for details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C).

**Agent's Registration Number with the Office** (Rule 4.7(b)): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

**Address for Correspondence** (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. IV will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II or III, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address must be indicated in Box No. IV instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. IV must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes "agent" or "common representative" has been marked).

**Telephone, Facsimile Numbers and/or E-mail Addresses**  
See Notes to Boxes Nos II and III.

**Names and Addresses** (Rule 4.4): The family name (preferably in capital letters) must be indicated before the given name(s). Titles and academic degrees must be omitted. Names of legal entities must be indicated by their full official designations.

The address must be indicated in such a way that it allows prompt postal delivery; it must consist of all the relevant administrative units (up to and including the indication of the house number, if any), the postal code (if any), and the name of the country.

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Unless one of the applicable check-boxes is marked, any e-mail address supplied will be used only for the types of communication which might be made by telephone. If one of the applicable check-boxes is marked, the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority may send notifications in respect of the international application to the applicant, avoiding processing or postal delays. Note that not all Offices will send such notifications by e-mail, (for details about each Office's procedure see the PCT Applicant's Guide, Annex B). If the first check-box is marked, any such e-mail notification will always be followed by the official notification on paper. Only that paper copy of the notification is considered the legal copy of the notification and only the date of mailing of that paper copy will commence any time limit within the meaning of Rule 80. If the second check-box is marked, the applicant requests the discontinuation of the sending of paper copies of notifications and acknowledges that the date of sending of the electronic copy will commence any time limit within the meaning of Rule 80.

Note that it is the applicant's responsibility to keep any e-mail address details up-to-date and to ensure that incoming e-mails are not blocked for any reason on the recipient's side. Changes to the e-mail address indicated in the request should be requested to be recorded, preferably directly at the International Bureau, under Rule 92bis. Where the e-mail authorization is given both in respect of the applicant and in respect of an agent or common representative, the International Bureau will send e-mail communications only to the appointed agent or common representative.

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**Residence** (Rules 4.5(a) and (c) and 18.1): For each applicant, the residence must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a resident. If the State of residence is not indicated, it will be assumed to be the same as the State indicated in the address. Possession of a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a State is considered residence in that State. The indication of the residence is not required where a person is inventor only.

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**Manner of Appointment of Agent or Common Representative** (Rules 90.4 and 90.5 and Section 106): The appointment of an agent or a common representative may be effected by designating the agent or common representative in Box No. IV and by the applicant signing the request or a separate power of attorney. Where there are two or more applicants, the appointment of a common agent or common representative must be effected by each applicant signing, at his choice, the request or a separate power of attorney. If the separate power of attorney is not signed, or if the required separate power of attorney is missing, or if the indication of the name or address of the appointed person does not comply with Rule 4.4, the power of attorney will be considered non-existent unless the defect is corrected. However, the receiving Office may waive the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it (for details about each receiving Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C).

Where a general power of attorney has been filed and is referred to in the request, a copy thereof must be attached to the request. Any applicant who did not sign the general power of attorney must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney, unless the receiving Office has waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it (for details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C).

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**Address for Correspondence** (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. IV will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II or III, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address must be indicated in Box No. IV instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case,

**BOX No. V**

**Designations (Regional and national patents)** (Rule 4.9): Upon filing of the request, the applicant will obtain an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT on the international filing date, in respect of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, in respect of both regional and national patents. If the applicant wishes the international application to be treated, in a certain designated or elected State, as an application not for a patent but for another kind of protection available under the national law of the designated or elected State concerned, the applicant will have to indicate his choice directly to the designated or elected Office when performing the acts, referred to in Articles 22 or 39(1), for entry into the national phase. For details about various kinds of protection available in designated or elected States, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and B2.

However, for the reasons explained below, it is possible to indicate, by marking the applicable check-box(es), that DE Germany, JP Japan, KR Republic of Korea and/or RU Russian Federation are not designated for any kind of national protection. Each of those States has notified the International Bureau that Rule 4.9(b) applies to it since its national law provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and claims the priority, **at the time of filing** or subsequently under Rule 26bis.1, of an earlier national application (for DE: for the same kind of protection) having effect in that State shall have the result that the earlier national application ceases, where applicable, after the expiration of certain time limits, to have effect with the same consequences as the withdrawal of the earlier national application. The designation of DE Germany for the purposes of an EP European patent **and of RU Russian Federation for the purposes of a EA Eurasian patent** are not affected by what is said above. For details see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, in the relevant Annex B1.

Only the four States mentioned above may be excluded from the all-inclusive coverage of all designations in Box No. V. For any other PCT Contracting State which the applicant wishes to exclude from the all-inclusive coverage of all designations, the applicant should submit a separate notice of withdrawal of the designation concerned under Rule 90bis.2. **Important: Should a notice of withdrawal be filed, that notice will have to be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, by all of them (Rule 90bis.5(a)), or by an agent or a common representative whose appointment has been effected by each applicant signing, at his choice, the request, the demand or a separate power of attorney (Rule 90.4(a)).**

**BOX No. VI**

**Priority Claim(s)** (Rule 4.10): If the priority of an earlier application is claimed, the declaration containing the priority claim must be made in the request.

The request must indicate the *date* on which the earlier application from which priority is claimed was filed and the *number* it was assigned. Note that that date must fall within the period of 12 months preceding the international filing date.

Where the earlier application is a national application, the *country* party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or the *Member* of the World Trade Organization that is not a party to that Convention, in which that earlier application was filed must be indicated. Where the earlier application is a regional application, the *regional Office* concerned must be indicated. Where the earlier application is an international application, the *receiving Office* with which that earlier application was filed must be indicated.

Where the earlier application is a regional application (see however below), or an international application, the priority claim may also, if the applicant so wishes, indicate one or more countries party to the Paris Convention for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(i)); such an indication is not, however, mandatory. Where the earlier application is a regional application and at least one of the countries party to

the regional patent treaty is neither party to the Paris Convention nor a Member of the World Trade Organization, at least one country party to the Paris Convention or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed must be indicated (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)) in the Supplemental Box.

As to the possibility of correcting or adding a priority claim, see Rule 26bis.1 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase.

**Restoration of the Right of Priority** (Rules 4.1(c)(v) and 26bis.3): The procedure for restoration of the right of priority is not applicable to a receiving Office which has provided notice to the International Bureau under Rule 26bis.3(j) of the incompatibility of Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) with the national law applied by that Office. Where the international application is filed on a date which is later than the date on which the priority period (see Rule 2.4) expired but within the period of two months from that date, the applicant may request the receiving Office to restore the right of priority (Rule 26bis.3). Such a request must be filed with the receiving Office within two months from the date on which the priority period expired; it may be included in the request (Rule 4.1(c)(v)) by identifying the priority claim(s) in Box No. VI. If, in Box No. VI, a priority claim is identified in respect of which a request to restore the right of priority is made, in such case, a separate document should be submitted entitled "Statement for Restoration of the Right of Priority". This separate document should indicate, for each earlier application concerned, the filing date, the earlier application number and the name or two-letter code of the country, Member of WTO, regional Office or receiving Office. Then, for each earlier application concerned, the applicant should state the reasons for the failure to file the international application within the priority period (Rules 26bis.3(a) and 26bis.3(b)(ii)). Note that such a request may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it of a fee, payable within the time limit referred to above (Rule 26bis.3(e)). According to Rule 26bis.3(d), the time limit for payment of the fee may be extended, at the option of the receiving Office, for a period of up to two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under Rule 26bis.3(e). Note further that the receiving Office may require the furnishing, within a reasonable time limit, of a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons; preferably, such declaration or other evidence should already be submitted to the receiving Office together with the request for restoration (Rule 26bis.3(b) and (f)). The receiving Office shall restore the right of priority if it finds that a criterion for restoration applied by the Office is satisfied (Rule 26bis.3(a)). For information on which criteria a receiving Office applies see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C.

**Incorporation by Reference** (Rules 4.18 and 20): The procedure for incorporation by reference is not applicable to a receiving Office which has provided notice to the International Bureau under Rule 20.8(a) of the incompatibility of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 with the national law applied by that Office. Where the receiving Office finds that any of the requirements of Article 11(1)(iii)(d) and (e) are not or appear not to be fulfilled, it will invite the applicant to either furnish the required correction or confirm that the element concerned referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) is incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18. Where the applicant furnishes the required correction under Article 11(2), the international filing date will be the date on which the receiving Office receives the required correction (see Rule 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(i)), provided that all other requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled. However, where the applicant confirms the incorporation by reference of an element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) which is completely contained in an earlier application the priority of which is claimed in the international application, that element will be considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, and the international filing date will be the date on which all Article 11(1) requirements are fulfilled (see Rule 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii)).



and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. IV must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes “agent” or “common representative” has been marked).

**Telephone, Facsimile Numbers and/or E-mail Addresses**  
See Notes to Boxes Nos II and III.

#### BOX No. V

**Designations (Regional and national patents)** (Rule 4.9): Upon filing of the request, the applicant will obtain an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT on the international filing date, in respect of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, in respect of both regional and national patents. If the applicant wishes the international application to be treated, in a certain designated or elected State, as an application not for a patent but for another kind of protection available under the national law of the designated or elected State concerned, the applicant will have to indicate his choice directly to the designated or elected Office when performing the acts, referred to in Articles 22 or 39(1), for entry into the national phase. For details about various kinds of protection available in designated or elected States, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and B2.

However, for the reasons explained below, it is possible to indicate, by marking the applicable check-box(es), that DE Germany, JP Japan and/or KR Republic of Korea are not designated for any kind of national protection. Each of those States has notified the International Bureau that Rule 4.9(b) applies to it since its national law provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and claims the priority, **at the time of filing** or subsequently under Rule 26bis.1, of an earlier national application (for DE: for the same kind of protection) having effect in that State shall have the result that the earlier national application ceases, where applicable, after the expiration of certain time limits, to have effect with the same consequences as the withdrawal of the earlier national application. The designation of DE Germany for the purposes of a EP European patent is not affected by what is said above. For details see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, in the relevant Annex B1.

Only the three States mentioned above may be excluded from the all-inclusive coverage of all designations in Box No. V. For any other PCT Contracting State which the applicant wishes to exclude from the all-inclusive coverage of all designations, the applicant should submit a separate notice of withdrawal of the designation concerned under Rule 90bis.2. **Important: Should a notice of withdrawal be filed, that notice will have to be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, by all of them (Rule 90bis.5(a)), or by an agent or a common representative whose appointment has been effected by each applicant signing, at his choice, the request, the demand or a separate power of attorney (Rule 90.4(a)).**

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**Priority Claim(s)** (Rule 4.10): If the priority of an earlier application is claimed, the declaration containing the priority claim must be made in the request.

The request must indicate the *date* on which the earlier application from which priority is claimed was filed and the *number* it was assigned. Note that that date must fall within the period of 12 months preceding the international filing date.

Where the earlier application is a national application, the *country* party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or the *Member* of the World Trade Organization that is not a party to that Convention, in which that earlier application was filed must be indicated. Where the earlier application is a regional application, the *regional Office* concerned must be indicated. Where the earlier application is an international application, the *receiving Office* with which that earlier application was filed must be indicated.

Where the earlier application is a regional application (see however below), or an international application, the priority claim may also, if the applicant so wishes, indicate one or more countries party to the Paris Convention for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(i)); such an indication is not, however, mandatory. Where the earlier application is a regional application and at least one of the countries party to the regional patent treaty is neither party to the Paris Convention nor a Member of the World Trade Organization, at least one country party to the Paris Convention or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed must be indicated (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)) in the Supplemental Box.

As to the possibility of correcting or adding a priority claim, see Rule 26bis.1 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase.

**Restoration of the Right of Priority** (Rules 4.1(c)(v) and 26bis.3): The procedure for restoration of the right of priority is not applicable to a receiving Office which has provided notice to the International Bureau under Rule 26bis.3(j) of the incompatibility of Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) with the national law applied by that Office. Where the international application is filed on a date which is later than the date on which the priority period (see Rule 2.4) expired but within the period of two months from that date, the applicant may request the receiving Office to restore the right of priority (Rule 26bis.3). Such a request must be filed with the receiving Office within two months from the date on which the priority period expired; it may be included in the request (Rule 4.1(c)(v)) by identifying the priority claim(s) in Box No. VI. If, in Box No. VI, a priority claim is identified in respect of which a request to restore the right of priority is made, in such case, a separate document should be submitted entitled “Statement for Restoration of the Right of Priority”. This separate document should indicate, for each earlier application concerned, the filing date, the earlier application number and the name or two-letter code of the country, Member of WTO, regional Office or receiving Office. Then, for each earlier application concerned, the applicant should state the reasons for the failure to file the international application within the priority period (Rules 26bis.3(a) and 26bis.3(b)(ii)). Note that such a request may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it of a fee, payable within the time limit referred to above (Rule 26bis.3(e)). According to Rule 26bis.3(d), the time limit for payment of the fee may be extended, at the option of the receiving Office, for a period of up to two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under Rule 26bis.3(e). Note further that the receiving Office may require the furnishing, within a reasonable time limit, of a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons; preferably, such declaration or other evidence should already be submitted to the receiving Office together with the request for restoration (Rule 26bis.3(b) and (f)). The receiving Office shall restore the right of priority if it finds that a criterion for restoration applied by the Office is satisfied (Rule 26bis.3(a)). For information on which criteria a receiving Office applies see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C.

**Incorporation by Reference** (Rules 4.18 and 20): The procedure for incorporation by reference is not applicable to a receiving Office which has provided notice to the International Bureau under Rule 20.8(a) of the incompatibility of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 with the national law applied by that Office. Where the receiving Office finds that any of the requirements of Article 11(1)(iii)(d) and (e) are not or appear not to be fulfilled, it will invite the applicant to either furnish the required correction or confirm that the element concerned referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) is incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18. Where the applicant furnishes the required correction under Article 11(2), the international filing date will be the date on which the receiving Office receives the required correction (see Rule 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(i)), provided that all other requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled. However, where the applicant confirms the incorporation by reference of an element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) which is completely contained

Where the applicant furnishes a missing part to the receiving Office after the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) were fulfilled but within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, that part will be included in the international application and the international filing date will be corrected to the date on which the receiving Office received that part (see Rule 20.5(c)). In such a case, the applicant will be given the opportunity to request the receiving Office to disregard the missing part concerned, in which case the missing part would be considered not to have been furnished and the correction of the international filing date not to have been made (see Rule 20.5(e)). However, where the applicant confirms the incorporation by reference of a part of the description, claims or drawings under Rule 4.18 and the receiving Office finds that all the requirements of Rules 4.18 and 20.6(a) are complied with, that part will be considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, and the international filing date will be the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled (see Rule 20.5).

**Certified Copy of Earlier Application (Rule 17.1):** A certified copy of each earlier application the priority of which is claimed (priority document) must be submitted by the applicant, irrespective of whether that earlier application is a national, regional or international application. The priority document must be submitted to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau before the expiration of 16 months from the (earliest) priority date or, where an early start of the national phase is requested, not later than at the time such request is made. Any priority document received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the 16-month time limit but before the date of international publication shall be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

~~Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office (not later than 16 months after the priority date) to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau (Rule 4.1(c)(ii)). Such request may be made by marking the applicable check-boxes which identify the respective documents. Attention: where such a request is made, the applicant must, where applicable, pay to the receiving Office the fee for priority document, otherwise, the request will be considered not to have been made (see Rule 17.1(b)).~~

**Dates (Section 110):** Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year – in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals each for the number of the day and for the number of the month followed by the number of the year in four digits, in that order and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, “20 March 2008 (20.03.2008)”, “20 March 2008 (20/03/2008)” or “20 March 2008 (20-03-2008)”.

#### BOX No. VII

**Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA)** (Rules 4.1(b)(iv) and 4.14bis): If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent for carrying out the international search in relation to the international application – depending on the language in which that application is filed and the receiving Office with which it is filed – the name of the competent Authority chosen by the applicant must be indicated in the space provided, either by its full name or two-letter code.

**Request to Use Results of Earlier Search; Reference to that Search** (Rules 4.12, 12bis, 16.3 and 41.1). The applicant may request the ISA to take into account, in carrying out the international search, the results of an earlier search carried out either by that Authority, by another ISA or by a national Office (Rule 4.12). Where the applicant has made such a request and

complied with the requirements under Rule 12bis, the ISA shall, to the extent possible, take into account the results of the earlier search. If, on the other hand, the earlier search was carried out by another ISA or by another national or regional Office, the ISA may, but is not obliged to, take the results of the earlier search into account (Rule 41.1). Where the ISA takes into account the results of an earlier search, it shall (partially) refund the search fee to the extent and under the conditions provided for in the agreement under Article 16(3)(b) (see, for each ISA, the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D).

Any request to take into account the results of an earlier search should identify: the filing date and number of the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out and the Authority or Office which carried out the earlier search (Rules 4.1(b)(ii) and 4.12(i)).

The applicant shall submit to the receiving Office, together with the international application at the time of filing, a copy of the results of the earlier search (Rule 12bis.1(a)), except:

- where the earlier search was carried out by the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting copies of the required documents, request the receiving Office to transmit copies of those documents to the ISA by marking the appropriate check-box (Rule 12bis.1(c));

- where the earlier search was carried out by the same Authority or Office as that which is acting as ISA, no copy or translation of any document (i.e. of the results of the earlier search or of the earlier application or of any document cited in the earlier search, where applicable) is required to be submitted (Rule 12bis.1(d));

- where a copy or translation of the earlier search is available to the ISA in a form and manner acceptable to it, and if so indicated in the request form by the applicant by marking the appropriate check-box, no copy or translation of any document is required to be submitted to the ISA (Rule 12bis.1(f));

- where the request form contains a statement under Rule 4.12(ii) that the international application is the same, or substantially the same, as an application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out, or that the international application is the same, or substantially the same, as that earlier application, except that it is filed in a different language, no copy of the earlier application or its translation is required to be transmitted to the ISA (Rules 4.12(ii) and 12bis.1(e)).

**Use of Results of more than one Earlier Search:** Where the ISA is requested to use the results of more than one earlier search, the check-boxes in Box No. VII should be marked, as applicable, for each earlier search. Where *more than two results of previous searches are indicated*, duplicates may be made of this page, marked “continuation sheet for Box No. VII” and attached to the request form.

#### BOX No. VIII

**Declarations Containing Standardized Wording** (Rules 4.1(c)(iii) and 4.17): At the option of the applicant, the request may, for the purposes of the national law applicable in one or more designated States, contain one or more of the following declarations:

- (i) declaration as to the identity of the inventor;
- (ii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent;
- (iii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application;
- (iv) declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America);
- (v) declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty;

in an earlier application the priority of which is claimed in the international application, that element will be considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, and the international filing date will be the date on which all Article 11(1) requirements are fulfilled (see Rule 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii)).

Where the applicant furnishes a missing part to the receiving Office after the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) were fulfilled but within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, that part will be included in the international application and the international filing date will be corrected to the date on which the receiving Office received that part (see Rule 20.5(c)). In such a case, the applicant will be given the opportunity to request the receiving Office to disregard the missing part concerned, in which case the missing part would be considered not to have been furnished and the correction of the international filing date not to have been made (see Rule 20.5(e)). However, where the applicant confirms the incorporation by reference of a part of the description, claims or drawings under Rule 4.18 and the receiving Office finds that all the requirements of Rules 4.18 and 20.6(a) are complied with, that part will be considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, and the international filing date will be the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled (see Rule 20.5).

**Certified Copy of Earlier Application** (Rule 17.1): A certified copy of each earlier application the priority of which is claimed (priority document) must be submitted by the applicant, irrespective of whether that earlier application is a national, regional or international application. The priority document must be submitted to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau before the expiration of 16 months from the (earliest) priority date or, where an early start of the national phase is requested, not later than at the time such request is made. Any priority document received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the 16-month time limit but before the date of international publication shall be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is available to the International Bureau from a digital library in accordance with Rule 17.1(b-bis)(ii) and Section 715(a), the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the International Bureau (not later than 16 months from the priority date) to obtain the priority document from such a digital library.

Where the priority document is not available to the International Bureau from a digital library but was issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office (not later than 16 months after the priority date) to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau (Rule 4.1(c)(ii)). Furthermore, where the priority document is not available to the International Bureau but is available to the receiving Office from a digital library in accordance with Rule 17.1(b-bis)(i) and Section 715(a), the applicant may request the receiving Office (not later than 16 months from the priority date) to obtain the priority document from such a digital library and to transmit it to the International Bureau. Such requests may be made by marking the applicable check-boxes in Box No. VI. Note that where such a request is made, the applicant must, where applicable, pay to the receiving Office the fee for priority document, otherwise, the request will be considered not to have been made (see Rule 17.1(b)).

Information concerning whether and which priority documents are available to the International Bureau or the receiving Office from a digital library is published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) pursuant to Section 715(c) and the PCT Applicant's Guide, Annex B.

Notes to the request form (PCT/RO/101) (page 4) (Draft for consultation)

**Dates** (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year – in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals each for the number of the day and for the number of the month followed by the number of the year in four digits, in that order and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, “20 March 2008 (20.03.2008)”, “20 March 2008 (20/03/2008)” or “20 March 2008 (20-03-2008)”.

#### BOX No. VII

**Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA)** (Rules 4.1(b)(iv) and 4.14bis): If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent for carrying out the international search in relation to the international application – depending on the language in which that application is filed and the receiving Office with which it is filed – the name of the competent Authority chosen by the applicant must be indicated in the space provided, either by its full name or two-letter code.

**Request to Use Results of Earlier Search; Reference to that Search** (Rules 4.12, 12bis, 16.3 and 41.1). The applicant may request the ISA to take into account, in carrying out the international search, the results of an earlier search carried out either by that Authority, by another ISA or by a national Office (Rule 4.12). Where the applicant has made such a request and complied with the requirements under Rule 12bis, the ISA shall, to the extent possible, take into account the results of the earlier search. If, on the other hand, the earlier search was carried out by another ISA or by another national or regional Office, the ISA may, but is not obliged to, take the results of the earlier search into account (Rule 41.1). Where the ISA takes into account the results of an earlier search, it shall (partially) refund the search fee to the extent and under the conditions provided for in the agreement under Article 16(3)(b) (see, for each ISA, the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D).

Any request to take into account the results of an earlier search should identify: the filing date and number of the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out and the Authority or Office which carried out the earlier search (Rules 4.1(b)(ii) and 4.12(i)).

The applicant shall submit to the receiving Office, together with the international application at the time of filing, a copy of the results of the earlier search (Rule 12bis.1(a)), except:

- where the earlier search was carried out by the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting copies of the required documents, request the receiving Office to transmit copies of those documents to the ISA by marking the appropriate check-box (Rule 12bis.1(c));
- where the earlier search was carried out by the same Authority or Office as that which is acting as ISA, no copy or translation of any document (i.e. of the results of the earlier search or of the earlier application or of any document cited in the earlier search, where applicable) is required to be submitted (Rule 12bis.1(d));
- where a copy or translation of the earlier search is available to the ISA in a form and manner acceptable to it, and if so indicated in the request form by the applicant by marking the appropriate check-box, no copy or translation of any document is required to be submitted to the ISA (Rule 12bis.1(f));
- where the request form contains a statement under Rule 4.12(ii) that the international application is the same, or substantially the same, as an application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out, or that the international application is the same, or substantially the same, as that earlier application, except that it is filed in a different language, no copy of the earlier application or its translation is required to be transmitted to the ISA (Rules 4.12(ii) and 12bis.1(e)).

which must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Sections 211 to 215, respectively, and which must be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v), as detailed below. Where any such declarations are included, the appropriate check-boxes in Box No. VIII should be marked and the number of each type of declaration should be indicated in the right-hand column. As to the possibility of correcting or adding a declaration, see Rule 26ter, Section 216 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase.

If the circumstances of a particular case are such that the standardized wordings are not applicable, the applicant should not attempt to make use of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 but rather will have to comply with the national requirements concerned upon entry into the national phase.

The fact that a declaration is made under Rule 4.17 does not of itself establish the matters declared; the effect of those matters in the designated States concerned will be determined by the designated Offices in accordance with the applicable national law.

Even if the wording of a declaration does not conform to the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions pursuant to Rule 4.17, any designated Office may accept that declaration for the purposes of the applicable national law, but is not required to do so.

**Details as to National Law Requirements:** For information on the declarations required by each designated Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, in the relevant National Chapter.

**Effect in Designated Offices (Rule 51bis.2):** Where the applicant submits any of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17(i) to (iv) containing the required standardized wording (either with the international application, or to the International Bureau within the relevant time limit under Rule 26ter, or directly to the designated Office during the national phase), the designated Office may not, in the national phase, require further documents or evidence on the matter to which the declaration relates, unless that designated Office may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declaration concerned.

**Incompatibility of Certain Items of Rule 51bis.2(a) with National Laws (Rule 51bis.2(c)):** Certain designated Offices have informed the International Bureau that the applicable national law is not compatible in respect of certain declarations provided in Rule 4.17(i), (ii) and (iii). Those designated Offices are therefore entitled to require further documents or evidence on the matters to which those declarations relate. For regularly updated information on such Offices, see the WIPO website: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf).

#### BOXES Nos. VIII (i) TO (v) (IN GENERAL)

**Different Declaration Boxes:** There are six different declaration boxes in the pre-printed request form – one box for each of the five different types of declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 (Box No. VIII (i) to Box No. VIII (v)) and a continuation sheet (Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)) to be used in case any single declaration does not fit in the corresponding box. The title of each type of declaration which is found in the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions is pre-printed on the appropriate sheet of the request.

**Separate Sheet for Each Declaration:** Each declaration must start on a separate sheet of the request form in the appropriate Declaration Box.

**Titles, Items, Item Numbers, Dotted Lines, Words in Parentheses and Words in Brackets:** The prescribed standardized wording of the declarations includes titles, various items, item numbers, dotted lines, words in parentheses and words in brackets. Except for Box No. VIII (iv) which contains

the pre-printed standardized wording, only those items which are applicable should be included in a declaration where necessary to support the statements in that declaration (that is, omit those items which do not apply) and item numbers need not be included. Dotted lines indicate where information is required to be inserted. Words in parentheses are instructions to applicants as to the information which may be included in the declaration depending upon the factual circumstances. Words in brackets are optional and should appear in the declaration without the brackets if they apply; if they do not apply, they should be omitted together with the corresponding brackets.

**Naming of Several Persons:** More than one person may be named in a single declaration. In the alternative, with one exception, a separate declaration may be made for each person. With respect to the declaration of inventorship set forth in Box No. VIII (iv), which is applicable only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, all inventors must be indicated in a single declaration (see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below). The wording of declarations to be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) may be adapted from the singular to the plural as necessary.

#### BOX No. VIII (i)

**Declaration as to the Identity of the Inventor (Rule 4.17(i) and Section 211):** The declaration must be worded as follows:

“Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application”

Such a declaration is not necessary in respect of any inventor who is indicated as such (either as inventor only or applicant and inventor) in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6. However, where the inventor is indicated as applicant in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5, a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)) may be appropriate. Where indications regarding the inventor in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6 are not included in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be combined with the prescribed wording of the declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)). For details on such a combined declaration, see Notes to Box No. VIII (ii), below. For details as to the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below.

#### BOX No. VIII (ii)

**Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Apply for and Be Granted a Patent (Rule 4.17(ii) and Section 212):** The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

“Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application

**Use of Results of more than one Earlier Search:** Where the ISA is requested to use the results of more than one earlier search, the check-boxes in Box No. VII should be marked, as applicable, for each earlier search. Where *more than two results of previous searches are indicated*, duplicates may be made of this page, marked “continuation sheet for Box No. VII” and attached to the request form.

### BOX No. VIII

**Declarations Containing Standardized Wording** (Rules 4.1(c)(iii) and 4.17): At the option of the applicant, the request may, for the purposes of the national law applicable in one or more designated States, contain one or more of the following declarations:

- (i) declaration as to the identity of the inventor;
- (ii) declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent;
- (iii) declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application;
- (iv) declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America);
- (v) declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty;

which must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Sections 211 to 215, respectively, and which must be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v), as detailed below. Where any such declarations are included, the appropriate check-boxes in Box No. VIII should be marked and the number of each type of declaration should be indicated in the right-hand column. As to the possibility of correcting or adding a declaration, see Rule 26ter, Section 216 and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, International Phase.

If the circumstances of a particular case are such that the standardized wordings are not applicable, the applicant should not attempt to make use of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 but rather will have to comply with the national requirements concerned upon entry into the national phase.

The fact that a declaration is made under Rule 4.17 does not of itself establish the matters declared; the effect of those matters in the designated States concerned will be determined by the designated Offices in accordance with the applicable national law.

Even if the wording of a declaration does not conform to the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions pursuant to Rule 4.17, any designated Office may accept that declaration for the purposes of the applicable national law, but is not required to do so.

**Details as to National Law Requirements:** For information on the declarations required by each designated Office, see the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, in the relevant National Chapter.

**Effect in Designated Offices** (Rule 51bis.2): Where the applicant submits any of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17(i) to (iv) containing the required standardized wording (either with the international application, or to the International Bureau within the relevant time limit under Rule 26ter, or directly to the designated Office during the national phase), the designated Office may not, in the national phase, require further documents or evidence on the matter to which the declaration relates, unless that designated Office may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declaration concerned.

**Incompatibility of Certain Items of Rule 51bis.2(a) with National Laws** (Rule 51bis.2(c)): Certain designated Offices have informed the International Bureau that the applicable national law is not compatible in respect of certain declarations provided in Rule 4.17(i), (ii) and (iii). Those designated

Offices are therefore entitled to require further documents or evidence on the matters to which those declarations relate. For regularly updated information on such Offices, see the WIPO website: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf).

### BOXES Nos. VIII (i) TO (v) (IN GENERAL)

**Different Declaration Boxes:** There are six different declaration boxes in the pre-printed request form – one box for each of the five different types of declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 (Box No. VIII (i) to Box No. VIII (v)) and a continuation sheet (Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)) to be used in case any single declaration does not fit in the corresponding box. The title of each type of declaration which is found in the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions is pre-printed on the appropriate sheet of the request.

**Separate Sheet for Each Declaration:** Each declaration must start on a separate sheet of the request form in the appropriate Declaration Box.

**Titles, Items, Item Numbers, Dotted Lines, Words in Parentheses and Words in Brackets:** The prescribed standardized wording of the declarations includes titles, various items, item numbers, dotted lines, words in parentheses and words in brackets. Except for Box No. VIII (iv) which contains the pre-printed standardized wording, only those items which are applicable should be included in a declaration where necessary to support the statements in that declaration (that is, omit those items which do not apply) and item numbers need not be included. Dotted lines indicate where information is required to be inserted. Words in parentheses are instructions to applicants as to the information which may be included in the declaration depending upon the factual circumstances. Words in brackets are optional and should appear in the declaration without the brackets if they apply; if they do not apply, they should be omitted together with the corresponding brackets.

**Naming of Several Persons:** More than one person may be named in a single declaration. In the alternative, with one exception, a separate declaration may be made for each person. With respect to the declaration of inventorship set forth in Box No. VIII (iv), which is applicable only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, all inventors must be indicated in a single declaration (see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below). The wording of declarations to be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) may be adapted from the singular to the plural as necessary.

### BOX No. VIII (i)

**Declaration as to the Identity of the Inventor** (Rule 4.17(i) and Section 211): The declaration must be worded as follows:

“Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (name) of ... (address) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application”

Such a declaration is not necessary in respect of any inventor who is indicated as such (either as inventor only or applicant and inventor) in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6. However, where the inventor is indicated as applicant in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5, a declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)) may be appropriate. Where indications regarding the inventor in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6 are not included in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be combined with the prescribed wording of the declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a

- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)"

Items (i) to (viii) may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the inventor, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. Where the inventor is not indicated in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be presented as a combined declaration explaining the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent and identifying the inventor. In such a case, the introductory phrase of the declaration must be as follows:

"Combined declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)) and as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51*bis*.1(a)(i)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:"

The remainder of the combined declaration must be worded as indicated in the preceding paragraphs.

For details as to the declaration as to the identity of the inventor, see the Notes to Box No. VIII (i), above.

#### BOX No. VIII (iii)

**Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Claim Priority of the Earlier Application** (Rule 4.17(iii) and Section 213): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. ... by virtue of the following:

- (i) the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order, issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...

- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)"

Items (i) to (viii) may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** In addition, this declaration is only applicable where the person or name of the applicant is different from that of the applicant who filed the earlier application from which priority is claimed. For example, this declaration may be applicable where only one applicant out of five is different from the applicants indicated in respect of an earlier application. The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the applicant in respect of the earlier application, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement.

#### BOX No. VIII (iv)

**Declaration of Inventorship** (Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214): The standardized wording for the declaration is pre-printed in Box No. VIII (iv).

The name, residence, address and citizenship must be included for each inventor. If the name and address of an inventor is not written in the Latin alphabet, the name and address must be indicated in the Latin alphabet. All inventors must sign and date the declaration even if they do not all sign the same copy of the declaration (Section 214(b)).

If there are more than two inventors, those other inventors must be indicated on the "Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)" sheet. The continuation sheet should be entitled "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)," must indicate the name, residence, address and citizenship for those other inventors, and at least the name and address in the Latin alphabet. In such a case, the "complete declaration" includes Box No. VIII (iv) and the continuation sheet. All inventors must sign and date a complete declaration even if they do not all sign the same copy of the complete declaration, and a copy of each separately signed complete declaration must be submitted (Section 214(b)).

**Where the declaration** was not included in the request, but **is furnished later**, the PCT application number **MUST** be indicated within the text of Box No. VIII (iv).

#### BOX No. VIII (v)

**Declaration as to Non-prejudicial Disclosures or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty** (Rule 4.17(v) and Section 215): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (iv) as is necessary:

"Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51*bis*.1(a)(v)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) declares that the subject matter claimed in [the] [this] international application was disclosed as follows:

- (i) kind of disclosure (*include as applicable*):
  - (a) international exhibition
  - (b) publication
  - (c) abuse
  - (d) other: ... (*specify*)
- (ii) date of disclosure: ...
- (iii) title of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (iv) place of disclosure (*if applicable*): ..."

patent (Rule 4.17(ii)). For details on such a combined declaration, see Notes to Box No. VIII (ii), below. For details as to the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below.

#### BOX No. VIII (ii)

**Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Apply for and Be Granted a Patent** (Rule 4.17(ii) and Section 212): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (name) is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

- (i) ... (name) of ... (address) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) ... (name) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (inventor's name)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (name) and ... (name), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (name) to ... (name), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (name) in favor of ... (name), dated ...
- (vi) a court order issued by ... (name of court), effecting a transfer from ... (name) to ... (name), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (name) to ... (name) by way of ... (specify kind of transfer), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (name) to ... (name) on ... (date)"

Items (i) to (viii) may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the inventor, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. Where the inventor is not indicated in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be presented as a combined declaration explaining the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent and identifying the inventor. In such a case, the introductory phrase of the declaration must be as follows:

"Combined declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)) and as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:"

The remainder of the combined declaration must be worded as indicated in the preceding paragraphs.

For details as to the declaration as to the identity of the inventor, see the Notes to Box No. VIII (i), above.

#### BOX No. VIII (iii)

**Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Claim Priority of the Earlier Application** (Rule 4.17(iii) and Section 213): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of

the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (name) is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. ... by virtue of the following:

- (i) the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application
- (ii) ... (name) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (inventor's name)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (name) and ... (name), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (name) to ... (name), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (name) in favor of ... (name), dated ...
- (vi) a court order, issued by ... (name of court), effecting a transfer from ... (name) to ... (name), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (name) to ... (name) by way of ... (specify kind of transfer), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (name) to ... (name) on ... (date)"

Items (i) to (viii) may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** In addition, this declaration is only applicable where the person or name of the applicant is different from that of the applicant who filed the earlier application from which priority is claimed. For example, this declaration may be applicable where only one applicant out of five is different from the applicants indicated in respect of an earlier application. The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the applicant in respect of the earlier application, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement.

#### BOX No. VIII (iv)

**Declaration of Inventorship** (Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214): The standardized wording for the declaration is pre-printed in Box No. VIII (iv).

The name, residence, address and citizenship must be included for each inventor. If the name and address of an inventor is not written in the Latin alphabet, the name and address must be indicated in the Latin alphabet. All inventors must sign and date the declaration even if they do not all sign the same copy of the declaration (Section 214(b)).

If there are more than two inventors, those other inventors must be indicated on the "Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)" sheet. The continuation sheet should be entitled "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)," must indicate the name, residence, address and citizenship for those other inventors, and at least the name and address in the Latin alphabet. In such a case, the "complete declaration" includes Box No. VIII (iv) and the continuation sheet. All inventors must sign and date a complete declaration even if they do not all sign the same copy of the complete declaration, and a copy of each separately signed complete declaration must be submitted (Section 214(b)).

**Where the declaration** was not included in the request, but **is furnished later**, the PCT application number **MUST** be indicated within the text of Box No. VIII (iv).

Either (a), (b), (c) or (d) of item (i) should always be included in the declaration. Item (ii) should also always be included in the declaration. Items (iii) and (iv) may be incorporated depending upon the circumstances.

#### BOX No. IX

**Sheets Constituting the International Application:** The number of sheets of the various parts of the international application must be indicated in the check list using Arabic numerals. Sheets containing any of the Boxes Nos. VIII(i) to (v) (declaration sheets) must be counted as part of the request. It is noted that any tables, including those related to a sequence listing, should be an integral part of the description and the pages containing such tables will be counted as sheets of the international application. There is no longer any provision for submission of those tables separately or a reduced fee for such a submission.

**Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences: Paper Filings:** Where the international application is filed on paper (using the sheet "last sheet - paper") and contains disclosure of one of more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, a sequence listing must be presented as a separate part of the description ("sequence listing part of description") in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25. The number of pages of the sequence listing must be indicated under item (f) in Box No. IX and included in the total number of sheets. Furthermore, where the sequence listing is filed on paper, a copy of the sequence listing in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file saved on physical data carrier(s) (together with the required statement) should accompany the international application, if so required by the ISA but **only** for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter. In such cases therefore, check-boxes Nos. 9 and 10 must be marked in Box No. IX. In addition, the type and number of carriers such as diskettes, CD-ROMs, CD-Rs or other data carriers accepted by the ISA, should be indicated in item 9.

**Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences: Electronic Filings via EFS-Web with RO/US:** There exist two alternative last sheets of the request form which contain two distinct Boxes No. IX. The sheet "last sheet - paper", described earlier, should be used if the applicant intends to file the international application on paper. The sheet "last sheet - EFS" should **only** be used if the request form is filed online with the receiving Office of the United States of America via EFS-Web.

**(a) EFS-Web and text file:** Where the international application is filed via EFS-Web (using the sheet "last sheet - EFS") and contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, a sequence listing must be presented as a separate part of the description ("sequence listing part of description") in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25. The sequence listing should **preferably** be furnished as an Annex C/ST.25 text file; in such cases, the first check-box of check-box (g) in Box No. IX should be marked. When furnished in this manner, the number of sheets of the sequence listing is **not** included in the total number of sheets making up the international application. Whenever the sequence listing is furnished as an Annex C/ST.25 text file, there is no need to file another copy of the text file for search purposes under Rule 13ter since the text file submitted will be used for both disclosure of the international application and for search purposes.

**(b) EFS-Web and image file:** If the sequence listing is filed online via EFS-Web as an image file (e.g. PDF file) rather than the recommended text file, the corresponding boxes in check-box (f) in Box No. IX should be marked. The number of sheets of the sequence listing **must be** included in the total

number of sheets making up the international application. Where the sequence listing is filed in image format, a copy of the sequence listing in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file (together with the required statement) should accompany the international application, if so required by the ISA but **only** for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter. In such cases, check-boxes Nos. 9 and 10 must be marked in Box No. IX.

**(c) EFS-Web and physical data carriers:** The receiving Office of the United States of America has two distinct limitations on the size of the sequence listing file it can accept via EFS-Web. If the text file containing the sequence listing is larger than 100MB, or if the image file (e.g. PDF file) containing the sequence listing is larger than 25MB, the applicant must file the sequence listings as an Annex C/ST.25 text file on physical data carrier(s). The receiving Office does not accept the filing of image (e.g. PDF file) on physical data carrier(s). In such cases, the data carrier(s) must be furnished on the same day that the international application is filed online. This may be furnished via "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" with a date-in by the United States Postal Service the same date as the online filing date, or via commercial delivery services or by hand, provided that it reaches the receiving Office on the same day as the international application filed online. In such cases, the corresponding check-boxes in check-box (g) in Box No. IX must be marked. The number and type of carrier(s) should be indicated in check-box (g). Whenever the sequence listing is furnished as an Annex C/ST.25 text file, there is no need to file another copy of the text file for search purposes under Rule 13ter since the text file submitted will be used for both disclosure of the international application and for search purposes.

**Items Accompanying the International Application:** Where the international application is accompanied by certain items, the applicable check-boxes must be marked, any applicable indication must be made on the dotted line after the applicable item, and the number of such items should be indicated at the end of the relevant line; detailed explanations are provided below only in respect of those items which so require.

**Check-box No. 4:** Mark this check-box where a copy of a general power of attorney is filed with the international application; where the general power of attorney has been deposited with the receiving Office, and that Office has accorded to it a reference number, that number may be indicated.

**Check-box No. 5:** Mark this check-box where a statement explaining the lack of signature of an inventor/applicant for the purposes of the United States of America is furnished together with the international application (see also Notes to Box No. X).

**Check-box No. 7:** Mark this check-box where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3) is filed together with the international application and indicate the language of that translation.

**Check-box No. 8:** Mark this check-box where a filled-in Form PCT/RO/134 or any separate sheet containing indications concerning deposited microorganisms and/or other biological material is filed with the international application. If Form PCT/RO/134 or any sheet containing the said indications is included as one of the sheets of the description (as required by certain designated States (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex L)), do not mark this check-box (for further information, see Rule 13bis and Section 209).

**Check-boxes Nos. 9 and 10:** Where the sequence listing part of the description is submitted on paper, a copy of the sequence listing in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file (together with the required statement) should accompany the international application, if so required by the ISA, but **only** for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter. In this case, check-boxes Nos. 9 and 10, must be marked in Box No. IX.



**BOX No. VIII (v)**

**Declaration as to Non-prejudicial Disclosures or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty** (Rule 4.17(v) and Section 215): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (iv) as is necessary:

“Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51bis.1(a)(v)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) declares that the subject matter claimed in [the] [this] international application was disclosed as follows:

- (i) kind of disclosure (*include as applicable*):
  - (a) international exhibition
  - (b) publication
  - (c) abuse
  - (d) other: ... (*specify*)
- (ii) date of disclosure: ...
- (iii) title of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (iv) place of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...”

Either (a), (b), (c) or (d) of item (i) should always be included in the declaration. Item (ii) should also always be included in the declaration. Items (iii) and (iv) may be incorporated depending upon the circumstances.

**BOX No. IX**

**Sheets Constituting the International Application:** The number of sheets of the various parts of the international application must be indicated in the check list using Arabic numerals. Sheets containing any of the Boxes Nos. VIII(i) to (v) (declaration sheets) must be counted as part of the request. It is noted that any tables, including those related to a sequence listing, should be an integral part of the description and the pages containing such tables will be counted as sheets of the international application. There is no longer any provision for submission of those tables separately or a reduced fee for such a submission.

**Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences: Paper Filings:** Where the international application is filed on paper (using the sheet “last sheet - paper”) and contains disclosure of one of more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, a sequence listing must be presented as a separate part of the description (“sequence listing part of description”) in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25. The number of pages of the sequence listing must be indicated under item (f) in Box No. IX and included in the total number of sheets. Furthermore, where the sequence listing is filed on paper, a copy of the sequence listing in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file saved on physical data carrier(s) (together with the required statement) should accompany the international application, if so required by the ISA but **only** for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter. In such cases therefore, check-boxes Nos. 9 and 10 must be marked in Box No. IX. In addition, the type and number of carriers such as diskettes, CD-ROMs, CD-Rs or other data carriers accepted by the ISA, should be indicated in item 9.

**For EFS-Web filing with RO/US**

**Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences: Electronic Filings via EFS-Web with RO/US:** There exist two alternative last sheets of the request form which contain two distinct Boxes No. IX. The sheet “last sheet – paper”, described earlier, should be used if the applicant intends to file the international application on paper. The sheet “last sheet – EFS” should **only** be used if the request form is filed online with the receiving Office of the United States of America via EFS-Web.

*Notes to the request form (PCT/RO/101) (page 7) (Draft for consultation)*

**(a) EFS-Web and text file:** Where the international application is filed via EFS-Web (using the sheet “last sheet - EFS”) and contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, a sequence listing must be presented as a separate part of the description (“sequence listing part of description”) in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25. The sequence listing should **preferably** be furnished as an Annex C/ST.25 text file; in such cases, the first check-box of check-box (g) in Box No. IX should be marked. When furnished in this manner, the number of sheets of the sequence listing is **not** included in the total number of sheets making up the international application. Whenever the sequence listing is furnished as an Annex C/ST.25 text file, there is no need to file another copy of the text file for search purposes under Rule 13ter since the text file submitted will be used for both disclosure of the international application and for search purposes.

**(b) EFS-Web and image file:** If the sequence listing is filed online via EFS-Web as an image file (e.g. PDF file) rather than the recommended text file, the corresponding boxes in check-box (f) in Box No. IX should be marked. The number of sheets of the sequence listing **must be** included in the total number of sheets making up the international application. Where the sequence listing is filed in image format, a copy of the sequence listing in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file (together with the required statement) should accompany the international application, if so required by the ISA but **only** for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter. In such cases, check-boxes Nos. 9 and 10 must be marked in Box No. IX.

**(c) EFS-Web and physical data carriers:** The receiving Office of the United States of America has two distinct limitations on the size of the sequence listing file it can accept via EFS-Web. If the text file containing the sequence listing is larger than 100MB, or if the image file (e.g. PDF file) containing the sequence listing is larger than 25MB, the applicant must file the sequence listings as an Annex C/ST.25 text file on physical data carrier(s). The receiving Office does not accept the filing of image (e.g. PDF file) on physical data carrier(s). In such cases, the data carrier(s) must be furnished on the same day that the international application is filed online. This may be furnished via “Express Mail Post Office to Addressee” with a date-in by the United States Postal Service the same date as the online filing date, or via commercial delivery services or by hand, provided that it reaches the receiving Office on the same day as the international application filed online. In such cases, the corresponding check-boxes in check-box (g) in Box No. IX must be marked. The number and type of carrier(s) should be indicated in check-box (g). Whenever the sequence listing is furnished as an Annex C/ST.25 text file, there is no need to file another copy of the text file for search purposes under Rule 13ter since the text file submitted will be used for both disclosure of the international application and for search purposes.

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**Check-box No. 5:** Mark this check-box where a statement explaining the lack of signature of an inventor/applicant for the purposes of the United States of America is furnished together with the international application (see also Notes to Box No. X).

**Language of Filing of the International Application** (Rules 12.1(a) and 20.4(c) and (d)): With regard to the language in which the international application is filed, for the purposes of according an international filing date, it is, subject to the following sentence, sufficient that the description and the claims are in the language, or one of the languages, accepted by the receiving Office for the filing of international applications; that language should be indicated in that check-box (as regards the language of the abstract and any text matter in the drawings, see Rule 26.3ter(a) and (b); as regards the language of the request, see Rules 12.1(c) and 26.3ter(c) and (d)). Note that where the international application is filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, all elements of the international application (request, description, claims, abstract, text matter of drawings) must, for the purposes of according an international filing date, be in English except that the free text in any sequence listing part of the description, complying with the standard set out in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, may be in a language other than English.

#### BOX No. X

**Signature** (Rules 4.1(d), 4.15, 26.2bis(a), 51bis.1(a)(vi), 90 and 90bis.5): The signature must be that of the applicant; if there are several applicants, all must sign. However, if the signature of one or more of the applicants is missing, the receiving Office will not invite the applicant to furnish the missing signature(s) provided that at least one of the applicants signed the request.

**Important: Should a notice of withdrawal be filed at any time during the international phase, that notice will have to be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants by all of them (Rule 90bis.5(a)), or by an agent or a common representative whose appointment has been effected by each applicant signing, at his choice, the request, the demand or a separate power of attorney (Rule 90.4(a)).**

Furthermore, for the purposes of the national phase processing, each designated Office will be entitled to require the applicant to furnish the confirmation of the international application by the signature of any applicant for the designated State concerned, who has not signed the request.

Where the signature on the request is not that of the applicant but that of the agent, or the common representative, a separate power of attorney appointing the agent or the common representative, respectively, or a copy of a general power of attorney already in the possession of the receiving Office, must be furnished. If the power is not filed with the request, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish it, unless it has waived the requirement for a separate power of attorney (for details about each receiving Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C).

If an inventor/applicant for the designation of the United States of America refused to sign the request or could not be found or reached after diligent effort, a statement explaining the lack of signature may be furnished. It should be noted that this applies only where there are two or more applicants and the international application has been signed by at least one other applicant. The statement must satisfy the receiving Office. If such a statement is furnished with the international application, check-box No. 5 in Box No. IX should be marked.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL BOX

The cases in which the Supplemental Box may be used and the manner of making indications in it are explained in the left column of that Box.

Items 2 and 3: Even if an indication is made in respect of items 2 and 3 under Rule 49bis.1(a), (b) or (d), the applicant will be required to make an indication to this effect upon entry into the national phase before the designated offices concerned.

If the applicant wishes to specify that the international application be treated in any designated State as an application for a utility model, see Notes to Box No. V.

#### GENERAL REMARKS

**Language of Correspondence** (Rule 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the receiving Office must be in the language of filing of the international application provided that, where the international application is to be published in the language of a translation required under Rule 12.3, such letter should be in the language of that translation; however, the receiving Office may authorize the use of another language.

Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in the same language as the international application if that language is English or French; otherwise, it must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant.

Any letter from the applicant to the ISA must be in the same language as the international application, provided that, where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search has been transmitted under Rule 23.1(b), such letter is in the language of that translation. However, the ISA may authorize the use of another language.

**Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application** (Rule 11.7 and Section 207): The elements of the international application must be placed in the following order: the request, the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), the claim(s), the abstract, the drawings (if any), the sequence listing part of the description (if any).

All sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part), claims and abstract must be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals, which must be placed at the top or bottom of the sheet, in the middle, but not in the margin which must remain blank. The number of each sheet of the drawings must consist of two Arabic numerals separated by an oblique stroke, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). For numbering of the sheets of the sequence listing part of the description, see Section 207.

**Indication of the Applicant's or Agent's File Reference** on the sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), claim(s), abstract, drawings and sequence listing part of the description (Rule 11.6(f)): The file reference indicated on the request may also be indicated in the left-hand corner of the top margin, within 1.5 cm from the top of any sheet of the international application.

**Check-box No. 7:** Mark this check-box where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3) is filed together with the international application and indicate the language of that translation.

**Check-box No. 8:** Mark this check-box where a filled-in Form PCT/RO/134 or any separate sheet containing indications concerning deposited microorganisms and/or other biological material is filed with the international application. If Form PCT/RO/134 or any sheet containing the said indications is included as one of the sheets of the description (as required by certain designated States (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex L)), do not mark this check-box (for further information, see Rule 13*bis* and Section 209).

**Check-boxes Nos. 9 and 10:** Where the sequence listing part of the description is submitted on paper, a copy of the sequence listing in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file (together with the required statement) should accompany the international application, if so required by the ISA, but **only** for the purposes of international search under Rule 13*ter*. In this case, check-boxes Nos. 9 and 10, must be marked in Box No. IX.

**Language of Filing of the International Application** (Rules 12.1(a) and 20.4(c) and (d)): With regard to the language in which the international application is filed, for the purposes of according an international filing date, it is, subject to the following sentence, sufficient that the description and the claims are in the language, or one of the languages, accepted by the receiving Office for the filing of international applications; that language should be indicated in that check-box (as regards the language of the abstract and any text matter in the drawings, see Rule 26.3*ter*(a) and (b); as regards the language of the request, see Rules 12.1(c) and 26.3*ter*(c) and (d)). Note that where the international application is filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, all elements of the international application (request, description, claims, abstract, text matter of drawings) must, for the purposes of according an international filing date, be in English except that the free text in any sequence listing part of the description, complying with the standard set out in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, may be in a language other than English.

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**Important: Should a notice of withdrawal be filed at any time during the international phase, that notice will have to be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants by all of them (Rule 90*bis*.5(a)), or by an agent or a common representative whose appointment has been effected by each applicant signing, at his choice, the request, the demand or a separate power of attorney (Rule 90.4(a)).**

Furthermore, for the purposes of the national phase processing, each designated Office will be entitled to require the applicant to furnish the confirmation of the international application by the signature of any applicant for the designated State concerned, who has not signed the request.

Where the signature on the request is not that of the applicant but that of the agent, or the common representative, a separate power of attorney appointing the agent or the common representative, respectively, or a copy of a general power of attorney already in the possession of the receiving Office, must be furnished. If the power is not filed with the request, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish it, unless it has waived the requirement for a separate power of

attorney (for details about each receiving Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C).

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#### SUPPLEMENTAL BOX

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#### GENERAL REMARKS

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Any letter from the applicant to the ISA must be in the same language as the international application, provided that, where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search has been transmitted under Rule 23.1(b), such letter is in the language of that translation. However, the ISA may authorize the use of another language.

**Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application** (Rule 11.7 and Section 207): The elements of the international application must be placed in the following order: the request, the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), the claim(s), the abstract, the drawings (if any), the sequence listing part of the description (if any).

All sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part), claims and abstract must be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals, which must be placed at the top or bottom of the sheet, in the middle, but not in the margin which must remain blank. The number of each sheet of the drawings must consist of two Arabic numerals separated by an oblique stroke, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). For numbering of the sheets of the sequence listing part of the description, see Section 207.

**Indication of the Applicant's or Agent's File Reference** on the sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), claim(s), abstract, drawings and sequence listing part of the description (Rule 11.6(f)): The file reference indicated on the request may also be indicated in the left-hand corner of the top margin, within 1.5 cm from the top of any sheet of the international application.

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## FEE CALCULATION SHEET

### Annex to the Request

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<b>CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES</b>	
1. TRANSMITTAL FEE . . . . .	_____ T
2. SEARCH FEE . . . . .	_____ S
International search to be carried out by _____ <i>(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search.)</i>	
3. INTERNATIONAL FILING FEE	
Enter total number of sheets indicated in Box No IX: _____	
<input type="text" value="i1"/> first 30 sheets . . . . .	<input type="text" value="i1"/>
<input type="text" value="i2"/> _____ x _____ = _____	<input type="text" value="i2"/>
number of sheets in excess of 30                      fee per sheet	
Add amounts entered at i1 and i2 and enter total at I . . . . .	
_____ I	
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4. FEE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENT (if applicable) . . . . .	_____ P
5. FEE FOR RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY (if applicable) . . . . .	_____ RP
6. FEE FOR EARLIER SEARCH DOCUMENTS (if applicable) . . . . .	_____ ES
7. TOTAL FEES PAYABLE . . . . .	_____
Add amounts entered at T, S, I, P, RP and ES, and enter total in the TOTAL box	TOTAL
<b>MODE OF PAYMENT</b> <i>(Not all modes of payment may be available at all receiving Offices)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> authorization to charge current account (see below)	<input type="checkbox"/> postal money order
<input type="checkbox"/> cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> bank transfer
<input type="checkbox"/> credit card <i>(details should be furnished separately and not included on this sheet)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> revenue stamps
<input type="checkbox"/> cash	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify): _____
<b>AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) CURRENT ACCOUNT</b> <i>(This mode of payment may not be available at all receiving Offices)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.	Receiving Office: RO/ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>(This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for current accounts of the receiving Office so permit)</i> Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.	Current Account No.: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization to charge the fee for priority document.	Date: _____
	Name: _____
	Signature: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> cheque <input type="checkbox"/> bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/> revenue stamps <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify): _____	
<b>AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT OR CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>	
<i>(This mode of payment may not be available at all receiving Offices)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.	Receiving Office: RO/ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>(This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit or current accounts of the receiving Office so permit)</i> Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.	<u>Deposit or Current Account No.:</u> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization to charge the fee for priority document.	Date: _____
	Name: _____
	Signature: _____

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Information about the applicable fees payable can be obtained from the receiving Office. The amounts of the international filing and search fees may change due to currency fluctuations. Applicants are advised to check what are the latest applicable amounts. All fees, must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

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Where two or more ISAs are competent, the applicant must indicate his choice in the space provided for this purpose and pay the amount of the international search fee fixed by the ISA chosen. Information on the competent ISA and whether the applicant has a choice between two or more ISAs is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C.

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**Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences: via EFS-Web:** Where the international application is filed via EFS-Web and contains a sequence listing filed in an Annex C/ST.25 text file, even when, due to the size of the text file, the sequence listing has to be submitted on a data carrier, no fee is due for filing the sequence listing.

Where the sequences listing is an image file (e.g. PDF) the actual number of sheets that make up this part of the description must be included.

The international filing fee must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office.

**Reduction of the International Filing Fee Where ~~PCT-EASY Software Is Used~~:** A fee reduction of 100 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international filing fee is paid to the receiving Office) is available in certain cases where the ~~PCT-EASY~~ software is used to prepare the request, provided that the necessary conditions are met. For further details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase and Annex C, as well as information published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* and the *PCT Newsletter*. Since applicants using the ~~PCT-EASY software will file the Request~~

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**Reduction of the International Filing Fee Where the International Application Is Filed in Electronic Form:**

Where the international application is filed in electronic form, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced depending on the electronic formats used. The international filing fee is reduced by: 100 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international filing fee is paid to the receiving Office) in respect of international applications where the request is not in character coded format (see PCT Schedule of Fees, item ~~3(b)~~); 200 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international filing fee is paid to the receiving Office) where the request is in character coded format (see PCT Schedule of Fees, item ~~3(c)~~); and 300 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international filing fee is paid to the receiving Office) where the request, description, claims and abstract are all in character coded format (see PCT Schedule of Fees, item ~~3(d)~~). For further details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase and Annex C, as well as information published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* and the *PCT Newsletter*. Since international applications filed in electronic form will contain the Request Form and Fee Calculation Sheet in such electronic form, no provision is made for this fee reduction in the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to Form PCT/RO/101.

**Reduction of the International Filing Fee for Applicants from Certain States:**

An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997), or who is a national of and resides in one of the following States: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Barbados, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Oman, the Seychelles, Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Arab Emirates; or an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations, is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 90% of certain PCT fees including the international filing fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the international filing fee will be automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request.

The fee reduction is available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

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If that fee is not paid at the latest before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, the receiving Office may consider the request under Rule 17.1(b) as not having been made.

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