

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

Common Quality Framework for
International Search and Preliminary Examination

Supplemental Report Under Paragraph 21.17 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

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No further documents are referred to in this report.

Proposal of Quality Sampling Review at the Egyptian Patent Office

The Propose of the Quality Management System (QMS)

Due to the importance of Quality Management System, all of the PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Authorities are required to have one implemented for PCT Application processing as required by chapter 21 of the PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

The QMS is designed to ensure that all patent processing steps are completed in a timely, high quality manner.

QSR has been established under the umbrella of Quality Management System.

Quality Sampling and Review Committee (QSR)

QSR Purposes: Verify, validate, and monitor compliance with quality standards; give feedback to staff.

QSR Standers Resources: PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

Implementation of QSR: QSR has a total of 12 Examiners, 6 examiners are responsible of legal examination review, and 6 examiners are responsible of search and examination review in different fields of technologies: Chemistry, Electricity, Agriculture, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Pharmacology.

Patent Applications are sampled randomly at 10% and examination reviews are collected for analysis of areas of improvement. QSR are responsible for rising systemic warranting a corrective action to the appropriate authority.