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IDRIS TO SUCCEED BOGSCH AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WIPO

Dr. Arpad Bogsch (78), citizen of the United States of America, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for the last 24 years, will retire on 30 November 1997.

On Monday, 22 September 1997, the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization by acclamation appointed Dr. Kamil Idris to the post of Director General.

Dr. Idris, the third Director General of WIPO, a national of Sudan, fluent in English, French and Arabic, has been appointed to serve a term of office for six years from 1 December 1997 through 30 November 2003.

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REDUCTION IN PCT FEES AS FROM 1 JANUARY 1998

The Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held its twenty-fourth (11th ordinary) session in Geneva from 16 September to 1 October 1997, in the context of meetings of the Governing Bodies of WIPO.

The Assembly decided, with effect from 1 January 1998, to reduce the basic fee by about 15% and the designation fee by about 19%. For international applications filed on or after 1 January 1998, the basic fee will be CHF 650 (USD 455) instead of CHF 762 (USD 530) and the designation fee will be CHF 150 (USD 105) instead of CHF 185 (USD 128). The new amounts of those fees and the new equivalent amounts in

other currencies are shown in Table I(a).

It is interesting to note that between 1 January 1997 and 1 January 1998, the equivalent amount in USD of the basic fee will have decreased from USD 677 to USD 455, and the equivalent amount in USD of the designation fee will have decreased from USD 164 to USD 105, that is, a reduction of 33% and 36%, respectively.

(Amendment of Schedule of Fees annexed to the *Regulations under the PCT* and updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (all Offices))

AMENDMENTS OF THE PCT REGULATIONS

The PCT Union Assembly also adopted a number of amendments

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of the PCT Regulations, in order to make procedures for the filing and processing of international applications simpler, safer, more flexible and more accessible to applicants, and to take into account rapidly changing technology.

A summary of the most important amendments adopted is given below, together with an indication of when those amendments will enter into force.

(1) Amendments which will enter into force on 1 January 1998

PCT Gazette: The *Gazette* will be made available in two forms:

(a) in paper form, containing the bibliographic data included on the front page of the pamphlet as specified by the Administrative Instructions under the PCT; there will be a single bilingual paper version of the *Gazette* which will replace the present two separate editions (namely, the English edition *PCT Gazette* and the French edition *Gazette du PCT*);

(b) in electronic form, containing the bibliographic data, any drawing appearing on the front page of the pamphlet, and the abstract; the electronic version will be made accessible, in English and French at the same time, by any electronic ways and means specified in the Administrative Instructions (which may, for example, be on the Internet or on CD-ROM).

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The above changes to the *Gazette* will take place as soon as possible after 1 January 1998.

(2) Amendments which will enter into force on 1 July 1998

Language of the international application: The existing provisions as to the languages in which international applications may be filed will be broadened. Receiving Offices will be permitted to accept any language for the filing of international applications, and applicants may file such applications in any language so accepted. The different stages of processing of the international application will then, if necessary, be undertaken on the basis of a translation to be furnished by the applicant. Every receiving Office will, however, be obliged to accept filings in at least one language which is both a language accepted by the competent International Searching Authority and a language of publication, so that applicants would always have the option of filing the international application in a language from which no translation would be required for either search or publication purposes.

Priority claims and priority documents: The present requirements relating to the making of, and the correction of mistakes in, priority claims will be liberalized. Applicants will be able to correct or add a priority claim by a notice submitted to the receiving Office or the International Bureau within a time limit of 16 months from the priority date or, where the correction or addition would cause a change in the priority date, 16 months from the priority date as so changed, whichever 16-month period expires first. In any event, however, such a notice may always be submitted until the expiration of four months from the international filing date. The correction of a priority claim will be able to include the addition of any indication referred to in PCT Rule 4.10. Consistent with this more liberal approach, certain provisions relating to the furnishing of priority documents will also be amended.

Demand for international preliminary examination: The existing provisions will be amended so as to provide a safeguard in respect of the filing of a demand with an International Preliminary Examining Authority which is not competent to carry out international preliminary examination, or with a receiving Office, an International Searching Authority or the International Bureau. The

new procedure will be similar to that which has already been introduced in the Regulations in respect of the filing of the international application with a receiving Office which is not competent to receive it (namely, the transmittal to the International Bureau as receiving Office under PCT Rule 19.4).

Access to files: Copies of documents in the files of the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority will become more readily available to third parties after international publication. Express authorization will be given to elected Offices to provide access to documents in the international preliminary examination file (as held by the International Preliminary Examining Authority), **if permitted under the applicable national law**. Note that this amendment will only apply to international applications **filed on or after 1 July 1998**.

Fees: In addition to the above-mentioned fee reductions which will take effect on 1 January 1998, the procedures for the fixing of equivalent amounts of certain fees in currencies other than Swiss francs will be streamlined from 1 July 1998. Also, the time limits for payment of the different fees during the international phase will be made more uniform, and amendments will be made to clarify what amount is payable where the amount of a fee changes before payment, to provide for refunds in certain cases, and to align the approach in relation to (late) payment of Chapter II fees with that followed in relation to (late) payment of Chapter I fees.

Nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings: A new legal framework will come into force for the implementation of a standard for the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings in international applications under the PCT. This will allow applicants to draw up a single sequence listing which is acceptable to all receiving Offices and International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for the purposes of the international phase, and to all designated and elected Offices for the purposes of the national phase. No translations or special versions of sequence listings will need to be prepared if the above-mentioned standard is complied with.

Deposits of biological material: The scope of PCT Rule 13*bis*, which provides for the furnishing of indications concerning depos-

ited microorganisms, will be broadened to take into account recent developments in the field of biotechnology by covering deposits of other biological materials.

(3) Amendments which will enter into force at a time other than (1) and (2), above

Electronic filing of international applications: The Regulations will be amended so as to contain broad enabling provisions which will, in the future, give applicants the option of electronically filing international applications and other documents and correspondence with those receiving Offices which are prepared to accept such filings. This will also allow for electronic communications between, and processing within, Offices and Authorities. The amended Regulations relating to this matter will enter into force when the corresponding Administrative Instructions, containing the standards and other details concerning the requirements for the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form and by electronic means, are modified.

Where to find the text of the adopted amendments

The report of the PCT Union Assembly, together with the text of the amendments of the PCT Regulations, will soon be available on WIPO's Internet site. The text of the latter will soon be published in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette*. A revised consolidated text of the PCT and Regulations (WIPO Publication No. 274) will also be published in due course. The *PCT Newsletter* will make an announcement when the above-mentioned texts are available.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES: EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENTS AND NEW APPOINTMENT

Extension of appointments

The PCT Union Assembly extended, until 31 December 2007, the appointments of the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the Chinese Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Japanese Patent Office, the Russian Agency for Patents and Trademarks, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office as International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities, and of

the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as International Searching Authority.

Appointment of the Korean Industrial Property Office as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority

The Korean Industrial Property Office was appointed as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) at the above-mentioned meeting of the PCT Union Assembly. That Office will become an ISA and IPEA as from the date of entry into force of the Agreement between the Korean Industrial Property Office and the International Bureau in relation to the functioning of the Office as an ISA and IPEA. That date of entry into force depends on the fulfillment by the Office of certain conditions.

Note that applicants cannot yet choose the Korean Industrial Property Office as ISA or IPEA. The date of entry into force of the Agreement and other details will be announced as soon as such information is known.

IDRIS TO SUCCEED BOGSCH AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WIPO
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The WIPO Coordination Committee, on 19 March 1997, recommended the name of Dr. Kamil Idris, out of ten candidates, for appointment as the third Director General of WIPO.

Dr. Idris has had a remarkable career, from being an Ambassador of his country, a member of the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) to a Deputy Director General of WIPO since 1994.

Emerging from within the Organization, Dr. Idris has intimate knowledge of the organization's activities as well as the views of the staff at all levels of the organization.

In his acceptance speech to the General Assembly, the Director General elect said WIPO "has a dual character" as an intergovernmental organization and as a market-oriented organization, requires "special operational and managerial principles in order to meet the expectations of its constituents." "WIPO generates substantial revenue. While this revenue is produced

through the provision of services to the market sector, it is not the private revenue of a private enterprise, but revenue held in trust by an intergovernmental organization. Accountability is thus a fundamental operational principle of the organization," he said.

Paying tribute to the vision and energy of Director General Arpad Bogesch, "an exceptional thinker and leader," Dr. Idris said: "It is he who, through his talent and drive, coupled with his profound knowledge, has given the organization the shape, vitality and strength it has today."

(The above text, issued as a WIPO Press Release on 22 September 1997, and the complete text of the acceptance speech of Dr. Idris to the General Assembly of WIPO, are available on WIPO's Internet site (see Internet address on cover page).)

NEW PCT CONTRACTING STATES

The Gambia (country code: GM)

The Gambia deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT on 9 September 1997, and will become bound by the PCT on 9 December 1997. Therefore, in any international application filed on or after 9 December 1997, the Gambia may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 9 December 1997, nationals and residents of the Gambia will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

Since the Gambia is party to the Harare Protocol within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), it will also be possible to designate the Gambia for the purposes of obtaining an ARIPO patent. Any designation for an ARIPO patent in an international application filed on or after 9 December 1997 will automatically include the designation of the Gambia for that purpose.

Guinea-Bissau (country code: GW)

Guinea-Bissau deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT on 12 September 1997, and will become bound by the PCT on 12 December 1997. Therefore, in any international application filed on or after 12 December 1997, Guinea-Bissau may be designated and, because it will be bound by

Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 12 December 1997, nationals and residents of Guinea-Bissau will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

All PCT Contracting States (fees)

See cover page for details of the reduction in the basic and designation fees with effect from 1 January 1998. See "Supplement per sheet over 30," below, for information on changes in the equivalent amounts in certain currencies of that fee. See also Table I(a).

ES Spain (competent International Preliminary Examining Authority; time limits applicable for entry into the national phase)

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Now that Spain has become bound by Chapter II, where Spain is elected for a national patent on or after 6 September 1997 and before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the time limit for entry into the national phase is 30 months from the priority date.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (ES); Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (ES))

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (language of translation)

The Industrial Property Protection Office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has changed its requirements as to the languages of translation of the international application, as follows:

Translation of international application required into: Macedonian

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (MK))

SG Singapore (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Registry of Patents of Singapore as receiving Office, has changed:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (SG))

Supplement per sheet over 30 (ROs: AT, AU, BE, CA, DK, ES, FR, IT, JP, LU, MC, NO, NZ, PT and SG)

As from 1 January 1998, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts of the supplement per sheet over 30, payable to the above-mentioned receiving Offices in the following currencies: ATS, AUD, BEF, CAD, DKK, ESP, FRF, ITL, JPY, LUF, NOK, NZD, PTE and SGD. The new amounts are indicated in Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (AT, AU, BE, CA, DK, ES, FR, IT, JP, LU, MC, NO, NZ, PT and SG))

Search fee (ISAs: AT, AU, CN, EP, ES, JP, RU and US)

As from 15 October 1997, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CAD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

As from 1 January 1998, the amount payable for an international search carried out by the Russian Patent Office will be fixed only in USD. The amount payable in USD, and the equivalent amount payable in CHF, will also change from that date, as indicated in Table I(b).

As from 1 January 1998, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the following currencies for international searches carried out by the following International Searching Authorities (ISAs):

ISA/AT:	CHF, USD
ISA/AU:	CHF, NZD, SGD, USD
ISA/CN:	CHF
ISA/EP:	CAD, ISK, JPY, MWK, NOK, NZD, USD
ISA/ES:	CHF, USD
ISA/JP:	CHF, USD
ISA/US:	CHF, NZD

The new amounts are indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex D (AT, AU, CN, EP, ES, JP, RU and US))

Handling fee (IPEAs: AT, AU, EP, JP and SE)

As from 1 January 1998, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee, payable in the following currencies to the following International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs):

IPEA/AT: ATS
 IPEA/AU: AUD
 IPEA/EP: ATS, BEF, DEM, DKK, ESP,
 FIM, FRF, GRD, IEP, ITL, LUF,
 NLG, PTE, SEK
 IPEA/JP: JPY
 IPEA/SE: SEK

The new amounts are indicated in Table II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex E (AT, AU, EP, JP and SE))

List of Contracting States

The pink tear-out provisional sheet for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex A (PCT Contracting States) includes the Gambia and Guinea-Bissau, and the dates of entry into force of the PCT in respect of those States (see page 4 for details).

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Adding applicants and/or inventors to the international application after the international filing date

Q: I am one of a team of three inventors in respect of an international application which was filed and subsequently accorded an international filing date a few weeks ago. Each of us should have been named as applicant/inventor for all designated States, but unfortunately the sheet containing the "Continuation of Box No. III" (continuation sheet of the request form), containing the details about the third applicant/inventor, was erroneously omitted from the request when filed. Is it possible to add further applicants and/or inventors after the international filing date?

A: It is possible to add further applicants, as well as further inventors or agents, by requesting the recording of a change under PCT Rule 92*bis*. In general, PCT Rule 92*bis* provides for changes (whether additions, deletions or any combination thereof) in respect of the person, name, residence, nationality or address of the applicant, and in respect of the person, name or address of the agent, the common representative or the inventor.

It is important to note, however, that any applicants and/or inventors added after the international application has been filed will be considered as applicants and/or inventors **only from the date on which their names are**

added. Certain designated/elected Offices require that the name(s) of the inventor(s) be given in the request upon filing. However, some of those Offices may permit the addition of applicants and/or inventors under certain circumstances, depending on the national law.

In order to request the addition of a further applicant and/or inventor, a request under PCT Rule 92*bis* must be made by the applicant(s) of record (or on their behalf by their agent or common representative) in writing and may be sent either to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau. The International Bureau records the change if it receives the request before the expiration of 20 months or, if a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed within 19 months from the priority date, 30 months from the priority date. It should be noted that the applicable time limit is 20 or 30 months, even though a longer time limit for entering the national phase may be applicable in certain designated/elected Offices.

If it is intended that the international publication reflect the additional applicant and/or inventor, the request for recording the change should reach the International Bureau before the completion of technical preparations for publication (which generally takes place 15 days before the actual publication date).

Applicants who file a request for the recording of a change with the receiving Office are reminded that the decisive date is that of the International Bureau's receipt of the request transmitted by the receiving Office. Therefore, if the request is made shortly before the expiration of the time limits indicated above, it is recommended that it be sent direct to the International Bureau, preferably by fax.

For further details about which designated/elected Offices require that the name(s) of the inventor(s) be given in the request upon filing, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 and *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/1996; for further details about technical preparations for publication, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/1995; for further details about requests for recording changes, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, paras. 352-355, and *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/1995).

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
20–21 October 1997 Jakarta (ID)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Wang, Mr. Matthes and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Directorate General of Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks Tel: (62–21) 552 48 39 Fax: (62–21) 552 53 86
29–30 October 1997 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Maassel	John Marshall Law School (Mr. Gary T. Watson) Tel: (1–312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1–312) 427 52 80
10–11 November 1997 Boston (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Donna Boudreau) Tel: (1–617) 861 62 40 Fax: (1–617) 861 95 40 E-mail: donna.boudreau@HBSR.com
13–14 November 1997 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1–415) 331 60 68 E-mail: VHMeyerEsq@aol.com
27–28 November 1997 Milan (IT)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (Ms. Stefanie Hoben) Tel: (39–51) 22 24 82 Fax: (39–51) 22 20 61
1–2 December 1997 London (GB) <i>[originally indicated as 3–4 December 1997]</i>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24
3 December 1997 London (GB) <i>[originally indicated as 5 December 1997]</i>	English	PCT workshop for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24
11 December 1997 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33) 1 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33) 1 42 93 63 52
5–7 January 1998 Zurich (CH) <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available for this seminar]</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Matthes and Mr. Wolff Other speaker: Mr. Jenny	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH) NDS Geistiges Eigentum Tel: (41–1) 632 68 08 Fax: (41–1) 632 13 67 E-mail: laederach@recht.reok.ethz.ch brandstaetter@recht.reok.ethz.ch
3–4 March 1998 Milan (IT)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators	Italian Association of Patent Attorneys in Industry (AICIPI) and the Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale (Mr. Francesco Macchetta) Tel: (39–2) 2778 51 97 Fax: (39–2) 2778 51 99

PCT FEE TABLES

The following Tables show the amounts (including currencies—see the key to currency abbreviations following Table II) of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. A 75% reduction in the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation and confirmation fees and the handling fee, as well as the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is available to applicants from certain States; see footnote 2 for details. Footnotes to all Tables follow Table II.

Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES
(as at 1 October 1997, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2} (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) ⁴
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	15 (15)	185 (150)	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
AP	USD 70 (or equiv in local currency)	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	AT EP SE
AT	ATS 700	ATS 6,730 (from 1.1.98: 5,600)	133 (130)	1,630 (1,300)	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 685 (from 1.1.98: 640)	13 (14)	166 (150)	AU
AZ	AZM ⁵ —	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
BA	DEM 50	DEM 955 (from 1.1.98: 800)	19 (19)	232 (184)	EP
BE	BEF 1,500	BEF 19,700 (from 1.1.98: 16,500)	388 (380)	4,780 (3,800)	EP
BG	BGL 3,000	BGL equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	EP RU
BR	BRR 236	BRR equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	AT EP SE US
BY	BYR equiv of USD 70	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
CA	CAD 200	CAD 708 (from 1.1.98: 632)	14 (15)	172 (146)	EP
CH	CHF 100	CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	15 (15)	185 (150)	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	CN
CU	USD (or CUP equiv) 200	USD (or CUP equiv) 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	USD (or CUP equiv) 10 (10)	USD (or CUP equiv) 128 (105)	AT EP ES RU
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	EP
DE	DEM 150	DEM 955 (from 1.1.98: 800)	19 (19)	232 (184)	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,740 (from 1.1.98: 3,050)	74 (70)	910 (710)	EP SE
EA	RUR equiv of USD 100	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
EE	EEK 1,500	EEK equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	EP
EP ⁶	DEM 200	DEM 955 (from 1.1.98: 800)	19 (19)	232 (184)	EP
ES	ESP 9,470	ESP 74,300 (from 1.1.98: 68,000)	1,500 (1,600)	18,000 (16,000)	EP ES
FI	FIM 800	FIM 2,900 (from 1.1.98: 2,400)	55 (55)	700 (550)	EP SE
FR	FRF 400	FRF 3,300 (from 1.1.98: 2,690)	65 (60)	800 (620)	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 328 (from 1.1.98: 285)	6 (6)	80 (65)	EP

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
(as at 1 October 1997, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2} (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) ⁴
GE	GEL ⁵ —	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁷ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	AU EP
GR	GRD 39,500	GRD 145,000 (from 1.1.98: 127,000)	3,000 (3,000)	35,000 (30,000)	EP
HU	HUF ⁸ 10,000	HUF equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	EP RU
IB	CHF ² 300 or USD ² 200	CHF 762 or USD 530 (from 1.1.98: CHF 650 or USD 455)	15 10 (15) (10)	185 128 (150) (105)	See footnote 9
IE	IEP 60	IEP 335 (from 1.1.98: 300)	7 (7)	82 (70)	EP
IL	ILS 383	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP US
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 37,400 (from 1.1.98: 32,000)	700 (700)	9,100 (7,400)	EP SE
IT	ITL 60,000	ITL 953,000 (from 1.1.98: 783,000)	19,000 (18,000)	232,000 (181,000)	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 59,800 (from 1.1.98: 55,000)	1,200 (1,300)	14,500 (12,700)	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 30	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS equiv of USD 60	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
KP	KPW equiv of CHF 50	KPW equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	AT RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 507,000	10,000	123,000	AT AU JP
KZ	KZT ⁵ —	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁵ —	LSM equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	AT EP
LT	LTL equiv of USD 80	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF 1,000	LUF/BEF 19,700 (from 1.1.98: 16,500)	388 (380)	4,780 (3,800)	EP
LV	LVL 40	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
MC	FRF 300	FRF 3,300 (from 1.1.98: 2,690)	65 (60)	800 (620)	EP
MD	MDL ⁵ 54	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,750	MKD equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	EP
MN	None	CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	15 (15)	185 (150)	EP RU
MW	MWK 8	MWK 8,600 (from 1.1.98: 8,100)	200 (200)	2,100 (1,900)	EP
MX	MXP ² equiv of USD 200	MXP equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	EP ES SE US
NL	NLG 110	NLG 1,070 (from 1.1.98: 900)	21 (21)	260 (208)	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 3,660 (from 1.1.98: 3,300)	70 (75)	890 (770)	EP SE
NZ	NZD 155	NZD 784 (from 1.1.98: 720)	15 (16)	190 (165)	AU EP US
PL	PLZ 200	PLZ equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	EP

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
(as at 1 October 1997, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2} (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) ⁴
PT	PTE 3,600	PTE 89,000 (from 1.1.98: 82,000)	1,800 (1,900)	22,000 (19,000)	EP
RO	ROL 10,000	CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	15 (15)	185 (150)	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294,000	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
SD	SDP 50	SDP equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	EP
SE	SEK 1,000	SEK 4,200 (from 1.1.98: 3,500)	80 (80)	1,000 (800)	EP SE
SG	SGD 135	SGD 743 (from 1.1.98: 690)	15 (16)	180 (160)	AT AU EP
SI	SIT See footnote 10	SIT equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	EP
SK	SKK 1,600	SKK equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	EP
TJ	TJR ⁵ —	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁵ —	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
TR	CHF 100	CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	15 (15)	185 (150)	AT AU CN EP RU
TT	TTD 750	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP US
UZ	USD ⁵ —	USD 530 (from 1.1.98: 455)	10 (10)	128 (105)	EP RU
VN	VND equiv of USD 150	VND equiv of CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	AT AU EP RU SE
YU	YUD 200	CHF 762 (from 1.1.98: 650)	equiv of CHF 15 (15)	equiv of CHF 185 (150)	EP

Table I(b) — SEARCH FEES
(as at 1 October 1997, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT	ATS 2,200 *(from 1.1.98:)	CHF* 268 CHF 250	KRW 177,000 USD 180)	SGD 275	USD* 177					
AU	AUD 800 *(from 1.1.98:)	CHF* 856 CHF 820	KRW 609,000 NZD 910	SGD* 905 SGD 875	SGD* 900 USD 570)	USD* 592				
CN	CNY 800	CHF* 136	USD 100	*(from 1.1.98: CHF 140)						
EP ¹¹	DEM 2,200 ATS 15,710 BEF 46,100 CAD* 1,800 *(from 15.10.97:) **(from 1.1.98:)	CHF 1,900 DKK 8,640 ESP 189,700 FIM 6,880 CAD 1,646)** CAD 1,740 NZD 1,980	FRF 7,590 GBP 815 GRD 358,300 IEP 846 ISK 87,300 USD 1,250)	ISK** 93,000 ITL 2,222,000 JPY** 145,000 LUF 46,100 JPY 152,000	MWK** 19,600 NLG 2,510 NOK** 8,800 NZD** 1,890 MWK 22,400	PTE 227,800 SEK 10,190 SGD 1,890 USD** 1,180 NOK 9,200				
ES	ESP 72,190	CHF* 737	USD* 500	*(from 1.1.98: CHF 695 USD 480)						
JP	JPY 77,000 *(from 1.1.98:)	CHF* 990 CHF 910	KRW 607,000 USD 640)	USD* 690						
RU ¹¹	RUR 840,000	CHF* 292	USD* 200	*(from 1.1.98: CHF 430 USD 300)						
SE	SEK 6,200 ¹² CHF 1,180 ¹² DKK 5,300 ¹²	6,800 ¹³ 1,290 ¹³ 5,800 ¹³	FIM 4,200 ¹² ISK 58,500 ¹² NOK 5,750 ¹²	4,600 ¹³ 64,000 ¹³ 6,300 ¹³	USD 815 ¹²	895 ¹³				
US	USD 700 *(from 1.1.98:)	450 ¹⁴	CHF* 1,020 CHF 1,000	656 ¹⁴ 640 ¹⁴	NZD* 1,048 NZD 1,110	673 ¹⁴ 710 ¹⁴)				

Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES
(as at 1 October 1997, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁵			Handling fee ^{2,15} (CHF 233)		
AT	ATS 2,200			ATS 2,060 (from 1.1.98:	ATS 2,020)	
AU	AUD 450			AUD 210 (from 1.1.98:	AUD 230)	
CN	CNY 800			CNY equiv of CHF 233		
EP¹¹	DEM 3,000	FIM 9,380	LUF 62,900	DEM* 292	FIM* 887	ITL* 295,000
	ATS 21,430	FRF 10,340	NLG 3,430	ATS* 2,060	FRF* 1,000	LUF* 6,020
	BEF 62,900	GBP 1,111	PTE 310,600	BEF* 6,020	GBP* 100	NLG* 328
	CHF 2,600	GRD 488,600	SEK 13,890	CHF 233	GRD* 44,000	PTE* 27,000
	DKK 11,790	IEP 1,154		DKK* 1,140	IEP* 102	SEK* 1,300
	ESP 258,600	ITL 3,030,000		ESP* 23,500		
				<i>*(from 1.1.98:</i>		
				DEM 285	FIM 860	LUF 5,900
				ATS 2,020	FRF 960	NLG 320
				BEF 5,900	GRD 46,000	PTE 29,000
			DKK 1,000	IEP 110	SEK 1,250	
			ESP 25,000	ITL 281,000		
JP	JPY 28,000			JPY 18,300 (from 1.1.98:	JPY 19,700)	
RU¹¹	RUR 1,260,000	USD 300			USD 162	
SE	SEK 4,200			SEK 1,300 (from 1.1.98:	SEK 1,250)	
US	USD 490	750¹⁶			USD 162	

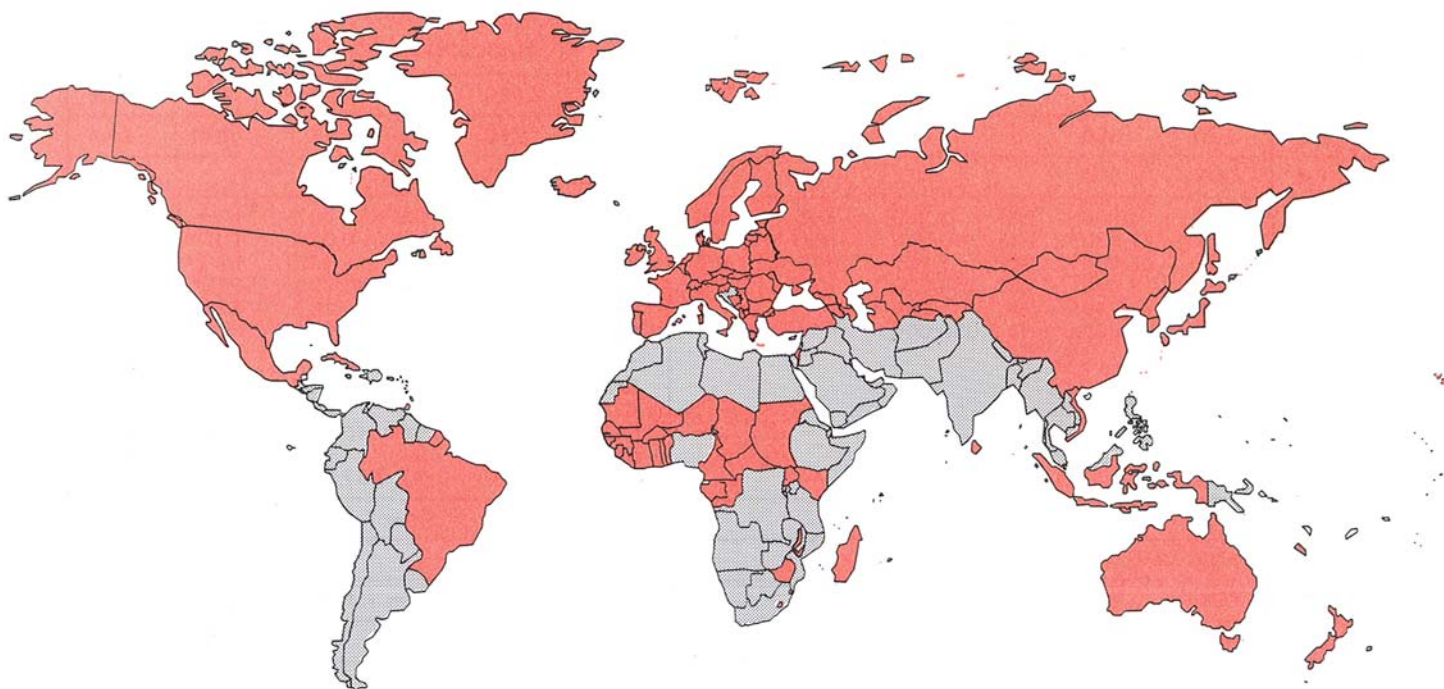
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ALL Albanian lek	CZK Czech koruna	ILS New Israel shekel	MDL Moldovan leu	SGD Singapore dollar
AMD Armenian dram	DEM Deutsche mark	ISK Icelandic krona	MKD Macedonian denar	SIT Slovenian tolar
ATS Austrian schilling	DKK Danish krone	ITL Italian lira	MWK Malawian kwacha	SKK Slovak koruna
AUD Australian dollar	EEK Estonian kroon	JPY Japanese yen	MXP Mexican peso	TJR Tajik rouble
AZM Azerbaijani manat	ESP Spanish peseta	KES Kenyan shilling	NLG Netherlands guilder	TTD Trinidad and Tobago dollar
BEF Belgian franc	FIM Finnish markka	KGS Kyrgyz som	NOK Norwegian krone	UAH Ukrainian hryvnia
BGL Bulgarian lev	FRF French franc	KPW KP won	NZD New Zealand dollar	USD US dollar
BRR Brazilian real	GBP Pound sterling	KRW KR won	PLZ Polish zloty	VND Vietnamese dong
BYR Belarussian rouble	GEL Georgian lari	KZT Kazakh tenge	PTE Portuguese escudo	YUD Yugoslav dinar
CAD Canadian dollar	GHC Ghanaian cedi	LSM Lesotho loti	ROL Romanian leu	
CHF Swiss franc	GRD Greek drachma	LTL Lithuanian litas	RUR Russian rouble	
CNY Yuan renminbi	HUF Hungarian forint	LUF Luxembourg franc	SDP Sudanese pound	
CUP Cuban convertible peso	IEP Irish pound	LVL Latvian lat	SEK Swedish krona	

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- The confirmation fee payable under PCT Rules 4.9(c) and 15.5 is 50% of the designation fee.
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- 5% of the total value of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, designation fee and search fee.
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CM Cameroon (OA) ²	ID Indonesia			YU Yugoslavia
				ZW Zimbabwe (AP)

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Australia AU	31 March 1980	Israel IL	1 June 1996
Austria AT	23 April 1979	Italy IT	28 March 1985
Azerbaijan AZ	25 December 1995	Japan JP	1 October 1978
Barbados BB	12 March 1985	Kazakhstan ¹ KZ	25 December 1991 (16 February 1993 ²)
Belarus ¹ BY	25 December 1991 (14 April 1993 ²)	Kenya KE	8 June 1994
Belgium BE	14 December 1981	Kyrgyzstan ¹ KG	25 December 1991 (14 February 1994 ²)
Benin BJ	26 February 1987	Latvia LV	7 September 1993
Bosnia and Herzegovina BA	7 September 1996	Lesotho LS	21 October 1995
Brazil BR	9 April 1978	Liberia LR	27 August 1994
Bulgaria BG	21 May 1984	Liechtenstein LI	19 March 1980
Burkina Faso BF	21 March 1989	Lithuania LT	5 July 1994
Cameroon CM	24 January 1978	Luxembourg LU	30 April 1978
Canada CA	2 January 1990	Madagascar MG	24 January 1978
Central African Republic CF	24 January 1978	Malawi MW	24 January 1978
Chad TD	24 January 1978	Mali ML	19 October 1984
China CN	1 January 1994	Mauritania MR	13 April 1983
Congo CG	24 January 1978	Mexico MX	1 January 1995
Côte d'Ivoire CI	30 April 1991	Monaco MC	22 June 1979
Cuba ¹ CU	16 July 1996	Mongolia ¹ MN	27 May 1991
Czech Republic CZ	20 March 1991 (1 January 1993 ²)	Netherlands ⁵ NL	10 July 1979
Democratic People's Republic of Korea KP	8 July 1980	New Zealand NZ	1 December 1992
Denmark DK	1 December 1978	Niger NE	21 March 1993
Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Norway ³ NO	1 January 1980
Finland ³ FI	1 October 1980	Poland PL	25 December 1990
France ^{1,4} FR	25 February 1978	Portugal PT	24 November 1992
Gabon GA	24 January 1978	Republic of Korea KR	10 August 1984
Gambia GM	(will become bound on 9 December 1997)	Republic of Moldova ¹ MD	25 December 1991 (14 February 1994 ²)
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Germany DE	24 January 1978	Russian Federation ¹ RU	29 March 1978
Ghana GH	26 February 1997	Saint Lucia LC	30 August 1996
Greece GR	9 October 1990	Senegal SN	24 January 1978
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Guinea-Bissau GW	(will become bound on 12 December 1997)	Singapore SG	23 February 1995
Hungary ¹ HU	27 June 1980	Slovakia SK	20 March 1991 (1 January 1993 ²)
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Sweden ³ SE	17 May 1978	Ukraine ¹ UA	25 December 1991 (21 September 1992 ²)
Switzerland CH	24 January 1978	United Kingdom ⁶ GB	24 January 1978
Tajikistan ¹ TJ	25 December 1991 (14 February 1994 ²)	United States of America ^{7,8} US	24 January 1978
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia MK	10 August 1995	Uzbekistan ¹ UZ	25 December 1991 (18 August 1993 ²)
Togo TG	24 January 1978	Viet Nam VN	10 March 1993
Trinidad and Tobago TT	10 March 1994	Yugoslavia YU	1 February 1997
Turkey TR	1 January 1996	Zimbabwe ZW	11 June 1997
Turkmenistan ¹ TM	25 December 1991 (1 March 1995 ²)		

¹ With the declaration provided for in Article 64(5).

² The date in parentheses is the date on which the State deposited a declaration of continued application of the PCT (Rule 32).

³ With the declaration provided for in Article 64(2)(a)(ii).

⁴ Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

⁵ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

⁶ Extends to the Isle of Man.

⁷ With the declarations provided for in Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).

⁸ Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.