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Common Quality Framework for International Search and Preliminary Examination

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

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This supplemental report relates to the quality management system established by this Office as set forth in our report under PCT/GL/ISPE section 21.29 from 31 October 2010.

As a result of our most recent internal review under the International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines paragraphs 21.25-21.28, this Authority has made modifications to its QMS as discussed below.

The modifications are given with reference to the sections of the revised template for responses to PCT/GL/ISPE Chapter 21.29 to which the changes relate.

The Authority should describe any changes made to its QMS making reference to the specific sections of the previous main report, and/or making reference to any supplemental report(s) under paragraph 21.30 compiled in accordance with this template.

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INTRODUCTION (PARAGRAPHS 21.01 TO 21.03)

No changes

1. LEADERSHIP AND POLICY (PARAGRAPHS 21.04 TO 21.09)

No changes

2. RESOURCES (PARAGRAPHS 21.10 TO 21.14)

No changes

3. MANAGEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD (PARAGRAPH 21.15)

No changes

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE (PARAGRAPH 21.16)

No changes

5. COMMUNICATION (PARAGRAPHS 21.17 TO 21.19)

No changes

6. DOCUMENTATION (PARAGRAPHS 21.20 TO 21.23)

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7. SEARCH PROCESS DOCUMENTATION (PARAGRAPH 21.24)

No changes

8. INTERNAL REVIEW (PARAGRAPHS 21.25 TO 21.28)

No changes

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