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AIs	Administrative Instructions under the PCT
Annex	Annex to the International Phase of the PCT Applicant's Guide
Art	Article of the Patent Cooperation Treaty
Chapter	Chapter of the Patent Cooperation Treaty
CRep	Common representative
Dem	Demand (Form IPEA/401)
DG	Director General
DO	Designated Office
E-filing	Electronic filing
EO	Elected Office
Fees	Schedule of Fees
Gaz	Official Notices (PCT Gazette)
Guide	PCT Applicant's Guide
IA	International application
IB	International Bureau
IFD	International filing date
IGO	Intergovernmental organization
International Phase	International Phase of the PCT Applicant's Guide
IPE	International preliminary examination
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IPRP (Ch.II)	International Preliminary Report on Patentability prepared by the IPEA
IS	International search
ISA	International Searching Authority
ISPEG	PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines
ISR	International search report
NGO	Non-governmental organization
Paris	Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
PCT-SAFE	PCT electronic filing software
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