
**COOPERATIVE WORK PROGRAM
IN RELATION TO THE
PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)
AND ASSOCIATED PATENT MATTERS
BETWEEN
THE STATE AGENCY ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION**

Preamble

1. The State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova (“the Agency”) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (“the International Bureau”), subsequently referred to in this document as “the Parties”,

taking into consideration the aims of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) as expressed in its Preamble,

convinced that the further strengthening of the cooperation between the Parties will greatly facilitate the attainment of these aims,

hereby agree on the following work program of cooperation activities in relation to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and associated patent matters, to be carried out, in accordance with the respective responsibilities and mandates of the Parties in this area.

PCT Training

2. The Parties agree to cooperate in the training of personnel of the Agency in relation to PCT procedures, including procedures relating to the functioning of the State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova in its capacity as a receiving Office and a designated/elected Office, particularly by means of missions of experts of the International Bureau of WIPO to Moldova and study visits of the Agency personnel to the International Bureau of WIPO. Specific training activities in a given period shall be agreed upon between both Parties.

PCT Awareness Programs

3. The Parties agree to cooperate in the organization of public awareness programs relating to patents and the PCT system. This could include the joint organization of seminars, symposia, workshops and training programs for stakeholders, including inventors, scientists, researchers, entrepreneurs, academics, lawyers, IP professionals and civil servants working in areas related to patents. The Parties agree that such PCT awareness programs shall preferably be coordinated and jointly organized with other partners, such as associations of IP professional, industry associations, law firms, research institutes or universities. Specific public awareness programs in a given period shall be agreed upon between both Parties.

PCT Information Technology

4. The Parties agree to explore possibilities of updating the respective information technology systems in order to optimize data exchange, mutual access to databases and administration procedures. To this end, the Parties agree to exchange information on their respective automation policies, strategies and plans for the development or implementation of information systems in their Institutions.

5. The Parties agree to work together with a view to exchanging as much PCT data as possible through paperless means, in particular, via the Internet and CD/DVD physical media. To this end, the Parties agree to fully support each other in developing, testing and deploying agreed-upon electronic systems that support the PCT, and to facilitate a modernized working model that supports PCT processing using information technologies available to both Parties.

6. Specific activities in the area of PCT information technology cooperation in a given period shall be agreed upon between both Parties.

Patent Information and Statistics

7. The Parties agree to cooperate with the aim of fostering the use of patent information. To this end, the Parties agree to establish mechanisms for the exchange of patent information, including PCT national phase information, national patent and statistical data, and published PCT international applications.

8. Specific activities in the area of patent information and statistics in a given period shall be agreed upon between both Parties.

Implementation

9. The Parties agree that implementation of each activity under this Work Program shall be subject to the availability of appropriate personnel resources at the International Bureau and the required funds in the annual budgets which the respective Parties have available for cooperation activities.

10. The Parties agree that, in so far as possible and to avoid any possible conflict of interests, the cooperation activities shall be carried out in coordination with other cooperation programs that the Parties might have agreed upon with third parties.

Monitoring and Evaluation

11. The Parties agree to monitor and, at least once a year, evaluate the cooperation activities carried out under this Cooperative Work Program.

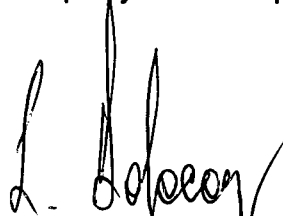
Final Provisions

12. This Cooperative Work Program may be amended by mutual agreement by the Parties, formalized by an exchange of letters specifying the date of entry into force.

13. This Cooperative Work Program shall enter into force upon signing and shall remain in force for an indeterminate period. Either Party may at any time terminate this Cooperative Work Program by giving the other Party a six-month advance written notice of its intention. In such a case, unless otherwise agreed, obligations previously incurred through specific cooperation activities shall not be affected.

Signed at Chisinau on 23 October, 2012, in two originals in the English language.

For the State Agency on Intellectual
Property of the Republic of Moldova



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[Annex follows]

**PCT AND RELATED PATENT MATTERS COOPERATIVE WORK PROGRAM
BETWEEN THE STATE AGENCY ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF WIPO**

ANNEX

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