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AP ARIPO patent	SZ Swaziland	BW Botswana GH Ghana GM Gambia KE Kenya LS Lesotho MW Malawi MZ Mozambique NA Namibia SD Sudan SL Sierra Leone TZ United Republic of Tanzania UG Uganda ZM Zambia ZW Zimbabwe	Not applicable
EA Eurasian patent	Not applicable	AM Armenia AZ Azerbaijan BY Belarus KG Kyrgyzstan KZ Kazakhstan MD Moldova RU Russian Federation TJ Tajikistan TM Turkmenistan	Not applicable
EP European patent	BE Belgium CY Cyprus FR France GR Greece IE Ireland IT Italy LV Latvia ² MC Monaco MT Malta NL Netherlands SI Slovenia	AT Austria BG Bulgaria CH Switzerland CZ Czech Republic DE Germany DK Denmark EE Estonia ES Spain FI Finland GB United Kingdom HR Croatia ^{3,4} HU Hungary IS Iceland LI Liechtenstein LT Lithuania LU Luxembourg MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ⁵ NO Norway ³ PL Poland PT Portugal RO Romania SE Sweden SK Slovakia TR Turkey	AL Albania BA Bosnia and Herzegovina RS Serbia

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OA OAPI patent	BF Burkina Faso BJ Benin CF Central African Republic CG Congo CI Côte d'Ivoire CM Cameroon GA Gabon GN Guinea GQ Equatorial Guinea GW Guinea-Bissau ML Mali MR Mauritania NE Niger SN Senegal TD Chad TG Togo	Not applicable	Not applicable

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1. A request for the extension of a European patent to these States may be made at the time of entry into the regional phase before the European Patent Office, provided that the designations of EP and/or of the State concerned have not been withdrawn. Such a request may not be made in the PCT request form itself. See the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Introduction to the International Phase, paragraphs 41 and 89, and National Chapter (EP) for further details as to the procedure to be followed.
 2. Latvia has closed its national route via the PCT with effect from 1 March 2007 in respect of all international applications filed on or after that date. For international applications filed before 1 March 2007, it is possible to obtain a regional patent in addition to, or instead of, a national patent.
 3. For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008.
 4. For international applications filed before 1 January 2008, it remains possible to request an extension of a European patent to this State (see footnote 1).
 5. For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2009. For international applications filed before 1 January 2009, it remains possible to request an extension of a European patent to this State (see footnote 1).