### Information on Contracting States

#### BOTSWANA

**General information**

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<th>Name of Office:</th>
<th>Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)</th>
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**Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?** Yes, by facsimile machine

**Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?** All kinds of documents

**Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?** Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, without invitation

**Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?** Yes

**Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Botswana:** Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana), ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)

**Competent designated (or elected) Office if Botswana is designated (or elected):**
- National protection: Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana) (see National Phase)
- ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)

**May Botswana be elected?** Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

**Types of protection available via the PCT:**
- National: Patents, utility model certificates
- ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)

**Provisions of the law of Botswana concerning international-type search:** None

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Provisional protection after international publication: None

**Information of interest if Botswana is designated (or elected)**

**For national protection**

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<th>Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Botswana is designated (or elected):</th>
<th>Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.</th>
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material? No

**For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B**