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General information

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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, with the exception of authorizations and priority documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 60 days from the date of the transmission
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Types of protection available via the PCT:	ARIPO patents, ARIPO utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a patent)

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Provisions of the ARIPO legislation concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after international publication:

See Annex B1 for provisional protection available under the national law of each State party to both the PCT and the Harare Protocol

Information of interest if ARIPO is a designated (or elected) Office

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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (See Annex L)
