

AGENDA ITEM 14

PCT SYSTEM

CENTRAL EUROPEAN AND BALTIC STATES GROUP (CEBS)

PCT/A/55/3

Amendment of the Agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority Under PCT

Chair,

1. Poland is delivering statement on behalf of CEBS group.
2. The CEBS group supports the approval of the proposed document PCT/A/55/3 containing Amendment of the Agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority Under PCT.
3. The CEBS countries perceive the proposed amendments as of being of technical and formal nature, reflecting the changes made in the Ukrainian IP regulatory institutional architecture. The document reflects no change to the former and agreed agreement with regards to all technical and formal criteria required upon the PCT Union member in order to serve as International Searching Authority as well as International Preliminary Authority. Therefore we see no objective basis for not allowing for such an agreement to be approved by PCT Union Members.
4. We reiterate the need to finalize this procedure matter, which is important for compliance of Member States with the existing legal and procedural order within the PCT Union.
5. Once again Mr. Chair, I reiterate the CEBS support for approving the provision of the document PCT/A/55/3.

Thank you.