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**PCT COMMITTEE
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL MATTERS**

Sixth Session*
Geneva, April 29 to May 3, 1996

REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

prepared by the Director General

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Supplementary international search system: Proposed modification of time limits fixed in the PCT and proposed amendments of the PCT Regulations (document PCT/CAL/VI/2)
5. Bilingual PCT Gazette: Proposed amendments of the PCT Regulations (document PCT/CAL/VI/3)
6. Filing languages for international applications and translations for international search and/or international publication: Possible liberalization of the requirements of the PCT Regulations (document PCT/CAL/VI/4)
7. Other matters
8. Adoption of the report of the session
9. Closing of the session

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RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
PCT COMMITTEE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL MATTERS (PCT/CAL)

Adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union on April 14, 1978

Rule 1: Composition

The PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters (PCT/CAL, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) shall have as members the States members of the PCT Union and the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities, it being understood that, where any such Authority is the national Office of a State member of the PCT Union, that State shall not be additionally represented on the Committee.

Rule 2: Terms of Reference

The Committee shall deal with matters concerning

(i) the relationship between the International Bureau on the one hand and the applicants, the receiving Offices, the designated Offices, the elected Offices, the International Searching Authorities and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities on the other hand,

(ii) the relationship between the applicants on the one hand and the receiving Offices, the designated Offices, the elected Offices, the International Searching Authorities and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities on the other hand,

(iii) the relationship between the receiving Offices, the designated Offices and the elected Offices on the one hand and the International Searching Authorities and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities on the other hand,

(iv) fees, forms, procedures and publications under the PCT,

(v) other administrative and legal questions concerning the application of the PCT.

Rule 3: Application of the General Rules of Procedure

The Committee, being, within the meaning of Rule 12 of the General Rules of Procedure of WIPO, a subsidiary body of the PCT Assembly, the provisions of the said General Rules of Procedure shall be the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, supplemented and amended by the provisions set forth hereinafter.

Rule 4: Special Observers

(1) States not members of the Committee which have the status of special observer in the PCT Assembly, as well as intergovernmental authorities which have such a status and which are not members of the Committee, shall be invited as “special observers” to all sessions of the Committee.

(2) Special observers shall have the same rights in the sessions of the Committee as members of the Committee, except the right to vote.

Rule 5: Observers

The Director General shall, on his own initiative or at the request of the Committee, invite representatives of interested organizations to attend the sessions of the Committee in an observer capacity.

Rule 6: Working Groups

The Committee may, with the approval of the Assembly, set up working groups for the purposes of dealing with specific questions. It shall decide their composition, terms of reference, duration and rules of procedure.