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EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT OF THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INNOVATIONS AS AN INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY UNDER THE PCT

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1. All the existing International Authorities were appointed by the PCT Assembly for a period ending on December 31, 2027. Before the expiry of this period, the Assembly will need to decide on the extension of the appointment of each existing International Authority that wishes to seek an extension of its appointment, having first sought the advice of this Committee (see PCT Articles 16(3)(e) and 32(3)). Information concerning this process and the role of the Committee is set out in document PCT/CTC/33/INF/1.
2. On December 1, 2025, the Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations (UANIPIO) submitted its application for extension of appointment, which is reproduced in the Annex to this document.

3. *The Committee is invited to give its advice on this matter.*

[Annex follows]

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT AS AN INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY UNDER THE PCT

1 – GENERAL

(a) Name of Office or intergovernmental organization:

Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations (UANIPIO)

(b) Name and contact details of official for any queries about this application:

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(c) Date on which application for extension of appointment was received by the Director General:

December 1, 2025

2 – MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT

In addition to the annual report on the quality management system by the Office or organization for 2025 (“the QMS Report” <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/quality/authorities#UA>) produced in accordance with paragraphs 21.31 and 21.32 of the International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (“the Guidelines”), the Authority submits the following information.

2.1 – SEARCH AND EXAMINATION CAPACITY

Rules 36.1(i) and 63.1(i): The national Office or intergovernmental organization must have at least 100 full-time employees with sufficient technical qualifications to carry out searches and examinations.

The QMS Report provides information from the Authority on the infrastructure in place to ensure a sufficient quantity of technically qualified staff under paragraph 21.15(i) of the Guidelines, and on the training and development programs for staff involved in the search and examination process under paragraph 21.15(vi). The Authority also includes the following information on numbers of employees qualified to carry out search and examination.

Employees qualified to carry out search and examination:

Technical field	Number (in full-time equivalent)	Average experience as examiners (years)	Breakdown of qualifications
Mechanical	25	21	73% Leading Examiners 20% First-Class Examiners 7% Examiners
Electrical/electronic	24	16	50% Leading Examiners 20% First-Class Examiners 30% Examiners
Chemistry	31	18	72% Leading Examiners 23% First-Class Examiners 5% Examiners
Biotech	22	17	54% Leading Examiners 18% First-Class Examiners 28% Examiners
<i>Total</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>18 years</i>	

Other information beyond the QMS Report and the above table (optional):

All 102 examiners work full-time and possess higher technical education ((Bachelor/Master)) in their respective fields. In addition, all examiners hold a second higher education degree in Intellectual Property (Specialist/Master level) and have sufficient command of English to conduct searches, examine applications and prepare PCT examination documentation. A number of examiners also possess proficiency in German, French, Spanish and Polish.

UANIPIO maintains a balanced distribution of expertise across all technical fields including chemistry, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, mechanics, electrical and electronic engineering, IT, telecommunications, physics, engineering technologies, metallurgy, materials science and related areas.

2.2 – MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION – MAKING AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION

Rules 36.1(ii) and 63.1(ii): That Office or organization must make available for consultation as part of the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions, any patent issued, and any patent application published, by it, and where applicable by its legal predecessor(s).

The requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions are set out in [Circular C. PCT 1672](#), dated June 19, 2024.

The making available for consultation as part of the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34 of the patents issued and patent applications published by the Office or, where applicable, the Offices that are members of the intergovernmental organization in accordance with the Understanding adopted by the PCT Assembly in paragraph 8 of document PCT/A/55/2, is reported as follows:

Either:

- The PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force has tested the availability of the patent documentation collections before November 1, 2025, and certifies that the requirements have been met. The extent and format of the documents that the Authority has made available for consultation has been published in the PCT Gazette on October 23, 2025, at:
<https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-official-notices-officialnotices.pdf#page=209>.

UANIPIO has established an electronic bulk-access repository for hosting the collections, the UANIPIO [Special Information System](#).

Or:

- The Authority reports on the availability of its patent documentation collection as follows, including a timetable for when testing and full availability can be certified by the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force. Please also provide details of your Authority File with any links, as appropriate.

2.3 – MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION – ACCESS

Rules 36.1(iii) and 63.1(iii): That Office or organization must have in its possession, or maintain access to at least the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, for search purposes in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

The QMS Report provides information from the Authority on the infrastructure in place to ensure that at least the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34 is available, accessible, properly arranged and maintained for search and examination purposes under paragraph 21.15(iv) of the Guidelines.

Other information beyond the QMS Report (optional):

The UANIPIO QMS Report (2025) describes in detail the infrastructure and processes ensuring that all components of the PCT Minimum Documentation are permanently available, properly arranged, and systematically maintained, in accordance with paragraph 21.15(iv) of the ISPE Guidelines. This includes the Office's internal repositories, databases, software environments, subscription services and redundancy systems.

UANIPIO examiners have access to the Internet-resources, UANIPIO's website, the Office's electronic information resources (including a full-text non-patent literature database and the Integrated Search Portal, Automated system "Inventions"), commercial and freely accessible foreign information systems, official publications, and the electronic and traditional collections of national and regional libraries. Access to major Ukrainian libraries is ensured via interlibrary loan, and international interlibrary loan is available through the largest libraries in Kyiv.

Responsibility for managing these information resources is assigned to the Division of Digital Development and Electronic Services and the Department of Information and Documentation Support. PCT Minimum Documentation is provided electronically through UANIPIO's internal systems, licensed databases and the collections maintained by the Department.

Examiners have access to an expanded set of patent-search and scientific resources, including EPO ANSERA (SEARCH Tool), Questel Orbit Intelligence and PatBase (via WIPO ASPI), Reaxys and Reaxys Target & Bioactivity, STNext, and scientific and technical databases available through Research4Life. Access is ensured through licensing agreements or international support programmes provided to Ukraine during wartime.

UANIPIO continuously expands its non-patent literature collection, drawing on the Office's own reference materials, its full-text NPL database, national and foreign open-access sources, Ukrainian library systems, international interlibrary loan services, and commercial scientific databases provided under international cooperation or assistance.

The UANIPIO confirms that it maintains full, stable and secure access to all components of the PCT Minimum Documentation required under Rule 34, supplemented by the systems and procedures described in the QMS Report.

2.4 – QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Rules 36.1(iv) and 63.1(iv): That Office or organization must have in place a quality management system and internal review arrangements in accordance with the common rules of international search,

The QMS Report provides information from the Authority on the quality management system in place under Chapter 21 of the Guidelines and includes a report under paragraph 21.09 of the internal review arrangements that are further described in paragraphs 21.27 to 21.30 of the Guidelines.

Other information beyond the QMS Report (optional):

UANIPIO operates a comprehensive, ISO-certified quality management system covering all stages of international search and examination. The Office is certified to ISO 9001:2015 for the QMS and ISO 37001:2016 for anti-bribery management, with the most recent surveillance audit for ISO 9001:2015 successfully passed in June 2025. Quality processes are embedded across all operational units and are governed by documented procedures and regular monitoring activities.

The QMS also provides for continuous training and competency development of examiners, risk-based planning and monitoring, and clearly assigned responsibilities for quality at both operational and managerial levels.

UANIPIO confirms that its QMS and internal review arrangements fully meet the requirements of Rules 36.1(iv) and 63.1(iv) and Chapter 21 of the ISPE Guidelines, ensuring consistent, high-quality international search and examination services.

3 – SCOPE OF OPERATION

(a) Current scope of operation

The receiving Offices for which the Office or intergovernmental organization is competent as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority, language(s) in which services are offered and other details of scope of operation are listed in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* at the following links: <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=UA&doc-lang=en#ISA> and <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=UA&doc-lang=en#IPEA>.

(b) Planned changes to scope of operation as an Authority, such as the receiving Offices for which the Authority is competent and languages offered (if any):

The Authority is currently reviewing certain administrative parameters of its ISA/IPEA operations in order to ensure their continued alignment with national legislation and the needs of users. This internal review may include, *inter alia*, consideration of future adjustments to the fee structure and to the operational language arrangements.

Any such changes, once formally decided, will be notified to the International Bureau through the standard PCT procedures and implemented in accordance with the applicable PCT Rules and Administrative Instructions.

4 – OTHER

Any further information relevant to the extension of appointment as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority:

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