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| May Estonia be elected? | Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT) |
| Types of protection available via the PCT: | National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a patent) European: Patents |
| Provisions of the law of Estonia concerning international-type search: | None |

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No

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