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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
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application, a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application, a power of attorney or a deed of assignment No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Ghana:	Registrar General's Department (Ghana), ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Ghana is designated (or elected):	National protection: Registrar General's Department (Ghana) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Ghana be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility certificates ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Ghana concerning international-type search:	Section 19(1) of the Patent Law, 1992 (PNDCL 305A)

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Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:
 Section 26 of the Patent Law, 1992, provides that the relief specified in Section 59 of that Law may be requested in respect of acts committed before the grant of the patent but after the date of international publication under PCT Article 21, provided the international publication was effected in English. Where the international publication was effected in a language other than English, these provisions shall apply, provided the applicant had transmitted an English translation of said international publication to the infringer and only in respect of acts committed by the infringer after he had received the translation.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of an ARIPO patent:
 None

Information of interest if Ghana is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Ghana is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request

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

No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2