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Competent designated (or elected) Office if Kenya is designated (or elected):	National protection: Kenya Industrial Property Institute (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Kenya be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Kenya concerning international-type search:	Section 43 of the Industrial Property Act, 2001

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Information of interest if Kenya is designated (or elected)

For national protection

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

Yes (see Annex L)

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