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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?	No, only upon invitation in the case of certain documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Namibia:	ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Namibia is designated (or elected):	National protection: Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA) (Namibia) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Namibia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Namibia concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after international publication: None

Information of interest if Namibia is designated (or elected)

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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
