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May Zambia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, patents of addition, 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 Zambia concerning international-type search:	Section 52(3) of the Patents Act No. 40 of 2016

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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes ¹
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¹ For further details, refer to Sections 21 and 32(2) of the Patents Act No. 40 of 2016. (21 September 2020)