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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	China
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Chinese or English
Language accepted for language-dependent free text in the sequence listing:	Chinese or English; or both
Language in which the request may be filed:	Chinese or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via CEPCT
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) or European Patent Office ⁴
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) or European Patent Office ⁵

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format.

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 27 February 2020, page 30.

⁴ As of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years. The availability of the EPO as International Searching Authority is limited to international applications filed in English and to 2,500 applications in the first 12 months, and 3,000 in the second 12 months. For further details on this pilot project, refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html

⁵ This Authority is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Yuan renminbi (CNY)
Transmittal fee:	None
International filing fee: ⁶	CNY 9,280
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	CNY 100
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CNY 1,390
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CNY 2,090
Search fee:	See Annex D(CN) or (EP) ⁷
Fee for priority document:	CNY 150
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	CNY 1,000
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1bis):	CNY 2 per page
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the first-named applicant resides in China Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any of the patent agencies legally incorporated in China. A list of patent agencies may be obtained from the Office.
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁷ See footnote 4.