

Questionnaire on the Term "Quality of Patents" and Cooperation Between Patent offices in Search and examination.

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Q1.

Answer: We think that quality of patents, it's about procedures and the management, in the IP Office. When the drawn of procedures are good and well executed, the system can ensure better service delivery for the applicant, because, he had better support to protect his invention. So, Quality of Patents, is a result of a good national IP Office procedures, good patent management, and an effective working team.

The good procedures consist in the celerity of attribution of the patent rights, rigor and the protection spirit. The good management consist in the functional services, that safeguard the patent rights and ensure the protection of royalties.

Q2.

Answer: On the matter of patents we don't have any cooperation with other patent offices. That is why we need the support to put the rules of patent entry in force in our country.

Q3.

Answer: No, we do not share any information with other patent offices, we have a law that allows patents, but we have not yet the conditions to start this work.

Q4.

Answer: We don't have cooperation with other office, so there are no tools and platforms are available to facilitate the share of information on search and examination in our office.

Q5.

Answer: In this case, it's important to us, because it can do all difference. The cooperation is an important through to get the capacity to answer the demand. As we previously answered (Q4.), we don't have any cooperation with other office. We received some applications for patent, but we have difficulties to answer, because we do not have conditions to analyse and assign the patent.

Q6.

Answer: The capacity building we need to develop our office are training programs for our employees, access to platforms and tools for search and examination, and establish cooperation with others IP Offices.

The President,

Abraão Lopes