

## **Questionnaire on the Term “Quality of Patents” and Cooperation between Patent Offices in Search and Examination**

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A1. The requirement of patentability, as follows:

Technical decision, alleged as an invention, is granted with legal protection if it is new and has inventive level as well as the industrial applicability.

A2. Cooperation concerning patent search is set up (has been carried out) between Eurasian Patent Office and Russian Patent Office.

A3. Patent search has been carried out by national patent applications and the registered patents as well as published information on websites of Eurasian Patent Office and Russian Patent Office.

A4. Platforms of Eurasian Patent Office and Russian Patent Office, along with the platform of WIPO are used for the facilitation of patent search.

- (I) The National inventors are provided with the search platform, based on a database of Turkmen Patent Office and Eurasian Patent Office.
- (II) The above-stated search platform, based on a database of Turkmen Patent Office and Eurasian Patent Office, has been exploited.

A5. At the expense of cooperation with other Patent Offices, appropriately, the scope of patent search as well as patent landscape study enlarges. The type of cooperation is basically standard and doesn't affect the search.

A6. For the capacity building, the employees get regular trainings in the field of patent search at Eurasian Patent Office.