

## Submission of Information by Third Parties

### Russian Federation

In the Russian Federation, there are no formal third part observations. However, a right of any person to provide prior art documents known to him exists, which might be used in the patent examination process at any stage of the examination process until the grant of the patent.<sup>1</sup> Where an examiner found that a piece of prior art is relevant for the invention claimed, i.e., essential, such prior art is included in the search report.<sup>2</sup> Those statements have purely informational value and may be ignored by the Examiner.

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<sup>1</sup> See document SCP/15/6, para. 161; SCP/17/13 Prov.1, para. 72.

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with the Russian legislation, any person has the right to request the conduct of a prior art search of the patent application of another person upon a fee. The procedure for conducting such a prior art search is regulated by the office rules. A search report is then sent to the person concerned after publication of an application. The results of such a search report are taken into account when examining the patentability of a claimed invention. Where an application contains a search report conducted upon the request of the person concerned, the level of the fee for conducting an examination on the application is reduced by fifty per cent.