

**Memorandum of Understanding between
the State Intellectual Property Office
of the People's Republic of China and
the Eurasian Patent Organization**

The State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) and the Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO), hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Intending to contribute to the enhancement of the cooperation in the field of patents,
Recognizing the importance of patent work to the scientific and technical development and economic growth,

Understanding the necessity and feasibility to establish a formal bilateral friendly relationship of cooperation,

Have achieved consensus as follows:

1. The Parties are willing to carry out cooperation activities under this Memorandum on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.
2. The Parties will cooperate in the following directions:
 - exchange of experience in the examination of applications for invention
 - exchange of experience in personnel training;
 - exchange of patent documentation and of experience in patent documentation management;
 - exchange of experience in automation, patent information processing and services to the public;
 - exchange of experience in international cooperation in the patent field;
 - joint organization of international seminars related to patent activity.
3. The Parties will define the detailed activities in accordance with the main directions of cooperation in Article 2 by corresponding specific agreements or minutes of meetings.
4. Aiming at the discussion of the development of cooperation under this Memorandum and implementation thereof, the Parties will hold if necessary working

meetings alternately in China and in the Russian Federation at the headquarters of the Eurasian Patent Organization. The results of the meetings are to be summed up in the minutes of meetings.

5. Each Party shall appoint a Co-ordinator responsible for organization of cooperation and realization of arrangements arising out of the present Memorandum and/or special agreements based on thereof.

6. English may be the working language for the purposes of correspondence and working contacts under the present Memorandum. The language for communication during official meetings and negotiations be specified additionally.

7. On the financial arrangements of the cooperative activities, the Parties have agreed that the visiting office will be responsible for international traveling expenses, accommodation and subsistence, and the host organization will be responsible for local transportation, working lunches, and relevant reception.

8. This Memorandum shall not prevent the Parties from participation in a bilateral and multilateral cooperation with other states or organizations in the sphere of intellectual property.

9. This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by both sides.

Signed in two copies each in Chinese and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

**For the State Intellectual Property Office
of the People's Republic of China**

For the Eurasian Patent Organization

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