MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION (EAPO) AND THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)

The Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

Emphasizing excellent bilateral cooperation in the field of intellectual property (IP);
Considering that the need for effective IP administration systems and provision of online services by the member states of EAPO;

Considering that IP information is important for the public good and that effective dissemination of IP information is essential to support technological and economic progress at the national and international level;

Recognizing the expertise of the Eurasian Patent Office to promote the development of IP systems in the member states of EAPO;

Considering the expertise of WIPO in providing cost-effective and quality solutions to improve administration and service delivery of IP Offices worldwide;

Have decided to conclude the following Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU"):

1. GOALS OF THE MoU

The goal of this MoU is to develop joint technical activities with EAPO and its member states aimed specifically at:

- Improving the IP administration systems of EAPO member states to enable them to improve internal efficiency and external service delivery;
- Upgrading the capability of IP offices of EAPO member states to provide online services for filing and publication of their IP rights;
- Enabling closer integration between the regional and national IP offices in the management of fees and legal status information related to the Eurasian Patent Office IP rights;
- Strengthening the capacity of staff of EAPO member states to develop innovative and modernized IP business systems.
2. **ACTIVITIES**

The Parties shall undertake joint projects, based on demand from member states, to support the modernization of IP business administration systems, online filing and publication services, data exchange and related projects in the IP offices of EAPO member states.

Each project shall be the subject of a documented and agreed project plan which will set out the roles and responsibilities of the Parties, objectives of the project, timelines and other project management parameters.

Therewith EAPO carries out activities on implementation of joint projects within the framework of its competence.

3. **RESOURCE ALLOCATION**

All projects referred to in Article II will be subject to confirmation of available resources by both Parties. WIPO will continue to provide funding for the execution of its technical assistance activities and will provide sufficient training for specialists of the Eurasian Patent Office and documentation and the Eurasian Patent Office will provide experts and specific expertise to enhance the project execution.

4. **AMENDMENTS**

This MoU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties, formalized through an exchange of letters specifying the date of entry into force of the amendment concerned.

5. **DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

Any dispute between the Parties regarding this MoU shall be settled amicably through negotiations between the Parties.

6. **PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

Nothing in or relating to this MoU shall be deemed or interpreted as a waiver of any privileges and immunities accorded to EAPO as an international organization or any privileges or immunities accorded to WIPO as an international organization and specialized agency of the United Nations.

7. **ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

This MoU shall come into effect on the date of its signing and shall remain in force for an unlimited period of time unless either of the Parties submits to the other a written notice, two months in advance, of its intention to terminate this MoU.
If one of the Parties decides to terminate this MoU, the obligations previously entered into force through projects or activities being implemented under this MoU shall not be affected thereby, unless otherwise agreed.

Signed in Geneva, on 3 October 2019, in two originals in Russian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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