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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE OF
THE EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION
AND
THE NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION, PRC**

The Eurasian Patent Office of the Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) and the National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC (CNIPA), hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”,

RECOGNISING the importance of exchanges in the fields of economy, science, technology and culture between Eurasia and China, especially between Member States of the Eurasian Patent Organization and China,

REALIZING the strategic importance of intellectual property in economic development, scientific and technological innovation,

BASED on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Patent Organization and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China (currently the National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC) signed on October 31, 2007, and the achievements scored in the cooperation between the EAPO and the CNIPA,

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to further strengthen the practical, efficient and friendly cooperation, the Parties have agreed to sign this Memorandum of Understanding as follows:

Areas of Cooperation

The Parties agree to carry out the following activities in the areas of mutual interest:

1. The Parties will promote high-level dialogue for exchanging views on their respective latest developments, policies and strategies, laws and regulations and on major issues of the international IP affairs.
2. The Parties will exchange experiences in the fields of patent examination practice and patent administration, and improve the examination quality and efficiency through work sharing, e.g. PPH Program etc.
3. The Parties will cooperate in the field of staff training.
4. The Parties will constantly expand cooperation in IT field, and continue strengthening the data exchange cooperation.
5. The Parties will continue the cooperation on patent documentation, and exchange views on the practice of dissemination and use of patent information.
6. The Parties will organize joint events aiming at enhancing the understanding and usage of the respective IP systems among the public and the IP users.
7. The Parties will carry out other forms of cooperation of mutual interest.

Expenses

Unless agreed otherwise, the Parties will pay their own expenses during the joint organized activities; particularly travel expenses and accommodation for their officials and experts visiting the other office.

Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute which may arise in connection with the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled in good faith between the Parties.

Final Clauses

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall have duration of five years, renewable for further periods of the same duration subject to the Parties' mutual agreement. The Parties may amend and supplement this Memorandum of Understanding by mutual written consent, specifying the starting date of the amendment(s).

The Parties have the right to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at any time. The termination shall be done by notifying the other Party in writing, at least six months before the desired termination date.

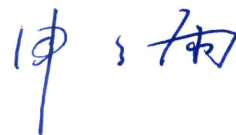
This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in Moscow on September 20th, 2018, in two originals in the Russian, Chinese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

For the Eurasian Patent Office of
the Eurasian Patent Organization



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