



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON EXTENSION OF THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT
PROGRAM
BETWEEN
THE EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE OF THE EURASIAN PATENT
ORGANIZATION
AND
THE CHINA NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION**

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

Recalling the *Memorandum of Understanding on the Piloting of the Patent Prosecution Highway between the Offices* signed by the respective heads of IP Offices on 2017.

Recognizing the importance of patent protection in fostering technological innovation and economic development;

Taking into consideration the increasing necessity of adequately coping with the ever-growing number of internationally filed patent applications, which have arisen from a growing need for patent protection in the context of globalization of the world economy;

Striving to ensure the benefits of expeditious, inexpensive and high-quality examination for applicants and the benefits of avoiding duplicative work and reducing the examination workload; and

Desirous of promoting inter-office cooperation in the patent field,

state their intention as follows:

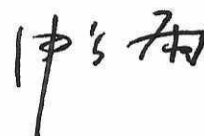
1. Both offices extend the PPH pilot program for an indefinite time period, starting on April 1, 2023.
2. The PPH pilot program includes Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)-PPH, and the present documents concerning the implementation of the pilot program shall be modified accordingly and announced after the mutual consent of the Offices.
3. The aforementioned documents concerning the implementation of the pilot program are subject to regular review and may be modified by both offices upon mutual consent.
4. Both offices will periodically exchange information on the status of the pilot program and consider modifying the program on the basis of the evaluation results.
5. This extension shall be in effect from 1 April 2023, and may be amended at any time with the mutual written consent of both Offices. Further, both Offices may also terminate the PPH pilot program if the volume of participation exceeds manageable level, or for any other reason. Notice will be published if the pilot program is terminated.

Signed in three originals in Russian, Chinese and English each, all the three texts being equally authentic.

In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



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