



**PROTOCOL AMENDING THE AGREEMENT
between the Eurasian Patent Organization
and the World Intellectual Property Organization**

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

Reaffirming the collaboration principles established by the Agreement between the Eurasian Patent Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization dated October 1, 1997, hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”,

In view of the expansion of the Eurasian Patent Organization’s competence and updates to the global agenda in the area of intellectual property the Parties have agreed to amend the Agreement, as follows.

1. The Parties have agreed to facilitate the development of their cooperation and expansion of the range of joint projects on the basis of the Agreement as amended by the present Protocol. Article 3 (“*Cooperative Activities*”) and Article 4 (“*Exchange of Information, Documents and Publications*”) of the Agreement are amended accordingly as follows:

1.1 In Article 3(2)(a) of the Agreement (“*Technical Assistance*”), the following sentences are added after the sentence ending with the terms “implementation of the Eurasian Patent Convention”:

“WIPO and EAPO shall also cooperate, as permitted by their respective programs and budgets, in providing technical assistance to the EAPO Member States upon their request in the following areas:

- implementation of the Protocol to the Eurasian Patent Convention of September 9, 1994 on the Protection of Industrial Designs (hereinafter referred to as the "Protocol to the Eurasian Patent Convention",
- protection of industrial designs, classification of industrial designs, implementation of the alternative dispute resolution procedures,
- raising public awareness of industrial designs' protection issues.

The Parties will also cooperate, as permitted by their respective programs and budgets, on the following:

- raising of awareness of the IP services provided by the Parties among a wide audience including business community, educational and scientific organizations, the youth, small and medium enterprises;
- exchange of information concerning the functioning of regional systems of IP subject matter registration and their advantages for applicants;
- exchange of information concerning researches and analytical data on IP dispute resolution mechanisms enhancement;
- exchange of experience and best practices on human resources development in the IP field, advancement of educational programs;
- exchange of researches on patent activity and technological trends."

1.2 In Article 3 ("*Cooperative Activities*"), a new Article 3(4) is added and reads as follows:

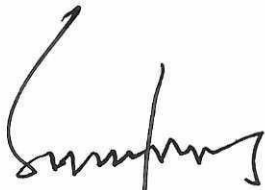
"[*Cooperation Concerning IT Systems*] The Parties will exchange information and experience on the development of IT systems used by the Parties, as well as workflow automation and digitalization. The Parties will explore the possibility to collaborate to ensure comprehensive use of the WIPO IP Infrastructure services, in particular WIPO DAS, WIPO CASE, WIPO Translate, etc."

1.3 In addition to the exchange of information concerning the roles of the Director General of WIPO as the depositary of the Eurasian Patent Convention

and as mediator in the event of dispute concerning the interpretation or implementation of said Convention, which are referred to in Articles 4(1) and 4(2) of the Agreement, WIPO will inform EAPO of any instruments or notifications received, or notifications sent, or any other actions taken by the Director General of WIPO in his capacity as the depositary of the Protocol to the Eurasian Patent Convention under Article 27 of said Protocol, as well as any requests for mediation and any actions taken by the Director General of WIPO in his capacity as mediator under Article 24 of the Protocol to the Eurasian Patent Convention. Therefore, the Agreement is amended as follows:

- In Article 3(3) of the Agreement (*"Cooperation Concerning Settlement of Disputes Under Article 24 of the Eurasian Patent Convention"*), the terms "and Article 24 of the Protocol to the Eurasian Patent Convention" are added after the terms "Eurasian Patent Convention", both in the heading and the body of the Article;
 - In Article 4(1) of the Agreement (*"Information Concerning Activities of the Depositary"*), the terms "and Article 27 of the Protocol to the Eurasian Patent Convention" are added after the terms "Eurasian Patent Convention";
 - In Article 4(2) of the Agreement (*"Information Concerning Mediation"*), the terms "and Article 24 of the Protocol to the Eurasian Patent Convention" are added after the terms "Eurasian Patent Convention".
2. In Article 5(2) of the Agreement (*"Amendment of the Agreement"*), the second sentence is deleted.
 3. The present Protocol will enter into force upon its signature by both Parties.

**For the World Intellectual Property
Organization (WIPO)**



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Date: July 5, 2023

**For the Eurasian Patent
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