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Dear Mr. Kenichiro Natsume,

I would like to refer to the appointment of the EAPO as an International Searching (ISA) and Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT.

The National Center of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Belarus (NCIP) expresses its support of the appointment of the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) as an ISA/IPEA under the PCT.

At the Thirty-Fifth (26th Extraordinary) Session of the EAPO Administrative Council held on September 10-11, 2019 in Kazakhstan the Council representatives unanimously adopted a decision to grant the EAPO the authority to request the status of an ISA/IPEA.

The Republic of Belarus alongside with other member states of the Eurasian patent system is interested in further development of the regional patent system and emphasizes the significance of EAPO activities and services for this process.

Taking into account many years of successful cooperation with EAPO and its contribution to the development of the regional system of intellectual property, we believe that the Eurasian Office meets all the requirements for the aforementioned appointment.

Best regards,

Uladzimir Rabavolau
Director General