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Regarding the appointment of the EAPO as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.

At the thirty-fifth (twenty-sixth ordinary) meeting of the Administrative Council of the Eurasian Patent Organization, held on September 10-11, 2019 in Nur-Sultan, the participants unanimously voted for the initiative of claiming the status of the International Searching Authority (*hereinafter - ISA*) and the International Preliminary Examining Authority (*hereinafter – IPEA*) by the Eurasian Patent Office (*hereinafter - EAPO*).

The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan believes that the EAPO has a high level of informational support, adequate human resources and experience of successful organization of the quality management system of search and examination.

The Republic of Kazakhstan along with other member states of the Eurasian patent system is interested in further development of the Eurasian patent system and EAPO potential as ISA and IPEA.

In addition, the expansion of the EAPO functions under the PCT system is important for the countries of the Eurasian region, as applicants from these countries will be able to go through all the stages of the consideration of the international application in their regional offices. The countries of the Eurasian region are aimed at innovative development path, in this regard, are interested in using one of the main mechanisms for the protection of innovations at the international level, which is the PCT system.

In this regard, Kazakhstan's side believes that the EAPO meets all the requirements for the appointment, and shows support to the EAPO in an effort to obtain the status of ISA/IPEA.

Sincerely,

**Vice-Minister of Justice
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