

Task Force Discussions

The International Bureau has identified an initial set of issues and requirements, further outlined in document PCT/EF/TPTF/1/3, that need to be addressed in moving forward towards a complete full text-processing infrastructure. They are grouped under three main initiatives listed below:

- (A) Growing full text format filing volumes through customer experience improvements
- (B) Common functionality across Offices for the processing of international applications in full text format
- (C) Delivering confidence in filing certainty through coordinated legal provisions

For each of these initiatives the International Bureau has identified and grouped topics for discussion. The aim is to discuss these topics and any topics identified by the Task Force with the aim of determining concrete actions to implement changes leading to more widespread use of full text formats in filing applications. Each topic has a page in this site and will be updated as we progress.

- [\(A1\) Common infrastructure for conversion to XML](#)
- [\(A2\) Completion of XML conversion feature set](#)
- [\(A3\) Customer experience improvements encouraging post filing upload and comparison of replacements](#)
- [\(A4\) Enabling the filing and publication of color drawings](#)
- [\(A5\) Reinforcement of filing auditability](#)
- [\(B1\) A full text submission path and document exchange between all ROs, ISA/IPEAs and the IB](#)
- [\(B2\) Use of an updated stylesheet to generate image-based publication from processed full text applications](#)
- [\(B3\) Evolution of markup requirements for changes in patent documents](#)
- [\(B4\) Simplification of the processing of drawing texts](#)
- [\(C1\) Amendments to Rule 11 to specify full text processing formality requirements](#)
- [\(C2\) Strengthening provisions to protect applicants from full text processing conversion errors](#)