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RULE 35.3 OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT

*Proposal by the Delegation of the United Kingdom*

It is proposed that Rule 35.3 read as follows:

“35.3 [same title as in document PCT/A/XXI/2]

(a) Where the international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a) (iii), an International Searching Authority shall be competent for the searching of that international application if it would have been competent had that international application been filed with a receiving Office competent under Rule 19.1(a) (i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(b) and (c) [same as in document PCT/A/XXI/2]”

Under the present Rules, each Contracting State has the right to specify the competent International Searching Authority(ies) for international

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applications filed by its nationals and residents. The text of Rule 35.3(a) proposed in this document would maintain that right even in the case where the international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a) (iii), whereas the text proposed in document PCT/A/XXI/2 gives no such right in such a case.

The same is true for the specification of the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority(ies), but it is not necessary to change the wording of Rule 59.1(b) as proposed in document PCT/A/XXI/2, since that Rule merely refers to Rule 35.3.

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