Questionnaire on PCT Fee Reductions For Universities

RESPONSE FROM:

Name of responsible official:

On behalf of *[State, Office or Organization]*:

## Definition of a University

1. Please provide comments on the proposals in paragraphs 5 to 8 of Annex I concerning the definition of a university that could be applied for the purposes of PCT reductions. In particular, do you believe that the WHED Portal could provide a basis for defining a university that could be easily verified by receiving Offices and would be independent of where the university is based?

## Multiple Applicants

1. Please provide comments on the discussion in paragraphs 9 to 16 of Annex I on how a PCT university fee reduction should apply in the case of multiple applicants. Do you agree with the recommendation in paragraph 16 that the situation for multiple applicants should be consistent with other fee reductions in the Schedule of Fees by requiring all applicants to satisfy the eligibility criteria (or one at a higher percentage) for the application to benefit from a university fee reduction?

## Claiming a Fee Reduction as a University

1. Please provide comments on the proposed process in paragraphs 18 to 22 of Annex I for an applicant to claim a reduction in the international filing fee, supplementary international search handling fee and handling fee as a university. Please provide any remarks you may have on the requirement for the applicant to provide a declaration that all applicants are eligible for the reduction (or one at a higher percentage), and to give consent to sharing of information before international publication between Offices on the numbers of international applications filed in order to monitor numbers of reductions being claimed.

## Monitoring Fee Reductions for Universities

1. Please provide comments on the proposed monitoring by the International Bureau of the numbers of fee reductions filed by a university and the correction of any “underpayments”, as discussed in paragraphs 23 to 28 of Annex I.

## Sunset Provision

1. Please provide comments on the sunset provision discussed in paragraphs 29 to 32 of Annex I, especially the proposed seven year period for the fee reductions to apply to university applicants.

## Other Suggestions

1. If you have any other suggestions regarding the implementation of fee reductions for university applicants, please provide them below.

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