

ANNEX I

SUMMARY OF TREATIES IN THE FIELD OF PATENTS¹

Treaty		Adopted in	No. of Parties ²	Description
WIPO	Paris Convention	1883	173	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applies to industrial property - Provides framework principles such as the national treatment, the right of priority and the independence of patents granted in different Contracting States for the same invention - Lays down common rules such as inventors' right to be named in the patent, compulsory licenses, period of grace for the payment of fees and temporary protection of inventions at certain international exhibitions
	PCT	1970	139	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement for international cooperation with regard to the filing, searching, publication and preliminary examination of patent applications and dissemination of technical information - Establishes international filing and processing system for patent applications - Regulates formal requirements of international applications
	Strasbourg Agreement	1971	59	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishes the International Patent Classification (IPC)
	Budapest Treaty	1977	72	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement that recognizes the effect of a deposit of a microorganism or patent purposes with any "international depository authorities"
	PLT	2000	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides, in general, maximum sets of formality requirements in respect of national/regional patent applications and patents
WTO	TRIPS Agreement	1994	153 ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internationally-agreed trade rules for intellectual property rights - Incorporates most of the substantive provisions of the Paris Convention - Provides framework principles such as national treatment and most-favoured-nation principle - Establishes minimum standards concerning the availability, scope and use of patent rights, such as patentable subject matter, rights conferred by a patent and exceptions to such rights and enforcement of intellectual property rights, including patents

[Annex II follows]

¹ Full texts of WIPO-administered treaties and lists of Contracting Parties to those treaties are available at: <http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/>

² As of January 9, 2009

³ As of July 23, 2008.