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Abbreviated Expressions

For the purposes of this Treaty, unless expressly stated otherwise:

(i) "Office" means the authority of a Contracting Party entrusted with the granting of patents or with other matters covered by this Treaty;

(ii) "application" means an application for the grant of a patent, as referred to in Article 3;

(iii) "patent" means a patent as referred to in Article 3;

(iv) references to a "person" shall be construed as including, in particular, a natural person and a legal entity;

(v) "communication" means any application, or any request, declaration, document, correspondence or other information relating to an application or patent, whether relating to a procedure under this Treaty or not, which is filed with the Office;

(vi) "records of the Office" means the collection of information maintained by the Office, relating to and including the applications filed with, and the patents granted by, that Office or another authority with effect for the Contracting Party concerned, irrespective of the medium in which such information is maintained;

(vii) "recordation" means any act of including information in the records of the Office;

(viii) "applicant" means the person whom the records of the Office show, pursuant to the applicable law, as the person who is applying for the patent, or as another person who is filing or prosecuting the application;

(ix) "owner" means the person whom the records of the Office show as the owner of the patent;

(x) "representative" means a representative under the applicable law;

(xi) "signature" means any means of self-identification;

(xii) "a language accepted by the Office" means any one language accepted by the Office for the relevant procedure before the Office;

(xiii) "translation" means a translation into a language or, where appropriate, a transliteration into an alphabet or character set, accepted by the Office;

(xiv) "procedure before the Office" means any procedure in proceedings before the Office with respect to an application or patent;