

**ARRANGEMENT
ON
COOPERATION FOR ACCELERATED GRANT
OF PATENT APPLICATIONS IN CAMBODIA**

BETWEEN

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
AND
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION
OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA**

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The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter referred to as “the USPTO”) and the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation of the Kingdom of Cambodia (hereinafter referred to as “the MISTI”) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Participants”),

Affirming the need for patent protection to play a key role in fostering technological innovation and accelerating economic development;

Acknowledging the importance of ensuring high quality and expeditious patent protection for applicants filing their patent applications with the MISTI; and

Recognizing the benefits of reducing workload and streamlining patent procedures in the MISTI,

Intend to proceed as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The Participants intend to commence the “Accelerated Grant of Patent Applications” program (hereinafter referred to as “the Program”) for certain patent applications filed in the MISTI that correspond to patent applications resulting in a patent grant by the USPTO.

Under this Program, after the USPTO issues a patent resulting from an applicant’s patent application, the applicant may request that the Department of Industrial Property (DIP) of the MISTI grant a patent to a pending corresponding patent application in Cambodia, based on the issuance of the USPTO patent.

An applicant’s participation in the Program is voluntary.

The details of implementation of the Program by the MISTI will be described in procedural guidelines to be developed by the MISTI.

The USPTO intends to announce the Program to the public via posting of information on the USPTO website and via publication of a notice in the Official Gazette, and intends to promote awareness of the Program among U.S. applicants.

II. EFFECTIVE DATES

The Participants intend to begin the Program on the date of last signature of this Arrangement.

The Program is intended to last for an initial period of five years. The Participants may review and decide to continue their cooperation after the initial five-year period. Either one of the Participants may notify the other of its intention to discontinue the Program prior to this date at any time, but should endeavor to provide notice in writing at least 90 days in advance.

The Participants may periodically review this Arrangement and may modify it by written mutual decision.

III. GENERAL TERMS

All matters or disputes related to the interpretation and application of this Arrangement should be resolved through consultations.

This Arrangement does not give rise to any rights or obligations under international or domestic law.

The implementation of activities under this Arrangement is subject to the availability of funds and human resources, as well as to each Participant's budget priorities

For the United States Patent
and Trademark Office –USPTO



Mr. Andrei Iancu
Under Secretary of Commerce for
Intellectual Property and Director of the
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Date: October 21, 2020
Place: Alexandria, VA 22314

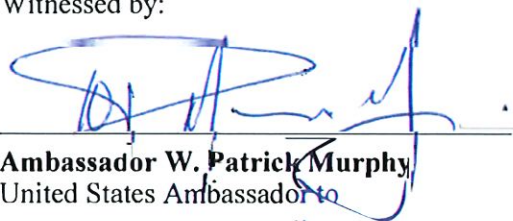
For the Ministry of Industry, Science,
Technology & Innovation - MISTI



Kitti Settha Pandita CHAM Prasidh
Senior Minister
Minister of Industry, Science, Technology &
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Date: October 21, 2020
Place: Penh, Cambodia

Witnessed by:



Ambassador W. Patrick Murphy
United States Ambassador to
The Kingdom of Cambodia

Date: October 21, 2020

Place: Penh, Cambodia