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CHAPTER III INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS UNDER PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

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Definitions

In this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,--

- (a) "Article" means an Article of the Treaty;
- (aa) "Examining Authority" means the Indian International Preliminary Examining Authority referred to in sub-rule (1) of rule 19F;
- (ab) "International Bureau" means the International Bureau of World Intellectual Property Organisation;
- (ac) "Searching Authority" means the Indian International Searching Authority referred to in sub-rule (1) of rule 19A;
- (b) "Treaty" or "PCT" means the [Patent Cooperation Treaty](#).
- (c) All other words and expressions used herein and not defined but defined in the PCT shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in that Treaty.

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