

APPOINTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES

Proposal by the Delegation of Hungary

- (a) An national Office or an intergovernmental organization seeking appointment would be strongly recommended to obtain the assistance of one or more existing International Authorities to help in the assessment of the extent to which it meets the criteria, prior to making the application.
- (b) Any application for appointment of an Office as an International Authority should be made well in advance of its consideration by the PCT Assembly (say, by March/April in the year it was to be considered by the PCT Assembly) ~~in the year before it was to be considered by the PCT Assembly in September/October (say, by the end of November of the preceding year)~~ so as to allow time for an adequate review by the Committee for Technical Cooperation (PCT/CTC) ~~relevant PCT bodies as set out below.~~
- (c) Any such application should be made on the understanding that the Office or intergovernmental organization seeking appointment must should meet all substantive criteria for appointment at the time of the appointment by the Assembly and is prepared to start operation as an International Authority as soon as reasonably possible following appointment, at the latest around 18 months following the appointment.
- ~~(d) Any such application should be included on the agenda of the next Meeting of International Authorities (PCT/MIA, usually convened around February/March of any given year), with a view to allowing International Authorities to discuss the application and to provide advance advice on the application to the Committee for Technical Cooperation (PCT/CTC).~~
- (e) Any such application should then be submitted to the PCT/CTC, ~~together with any advice given by the PCT/MIA.~~ The PCT/CTC should meet as a true expert body at least three months in advance of the PCT Assembly, if possible back-to-back with a session of the PCT Working Group (usually convened around May/June of any given year), with a view to giving its expert advice on the application to the PCT Assembly.
- (f) Any such application would then be submitted to the PCT Assembly (usually convened around September/October of any given year), together with any advice given by the PCT/CTC, with a view to deciding on the application.

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