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Bosnia & Herzegovina - BA ¹	Guinea - GN (OA) ²	Morocco - MA	Tajikistan - TJ (EA)
Botswana - BW (AP)	Guinea-Bissau - GW (OA) ²	Mozambique - MZ (AP)	Tanzania - TZ (AP)
Brazil - BR			Thailand - TH
Bulgaria - BG (EP)	Honduras - HN	Namibia - NA	Togo - TG (OA) ²
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		New Zealand - NZ	Tunisia - TN
Cameroon - CM (OA) ²	Iceland - IS (EP)	Nicaragua - NI	Turkey - TR (EP)
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Central African Rep. - CF (OA) ²	Indonesia - ID	Nigeria - NG	
Chad - TD (OA) ²	Ireland - IE (EP) ²	Norway - NO (EP)	Uganda - UG (AP)
Chile - CL	Israel - IL		Ukraine - UA
China - CN	Italy - IT (EP) ²	Oman - OM	United Arab Emirates - AE
Colombia - CO			United Kingdom - GB (EP)
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Costa Rica - CR	Kazakstan - KZ (EA)	Philippines - PH	
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Dominica - DM		St Lucia - LC	
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	Liberia - LR	San Marino - SM (EP)	
Ecuador - EC	Liechtenstein - LI (EP)	Sao Tome and Principe - ST	
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Regional Patents

European Patent (EP)³: AL⁵, AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, IS, IT, LI, LT, LU, LV, MC, MK, MT, NL, NO, PO, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, SM, TR (Extension possible for: AL⁵, BA, ME, RS)

Eurasian Patent (EA): AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM

OAPI (African Intellectual Property Organisation) Patent (OA): BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG

ARIPO (African Regional Industrial Property Organisation) Patent (AP): GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, UG, ZM, ZW

¹ Extension of European Patent possible.

² May only be designated for a Regional Patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).

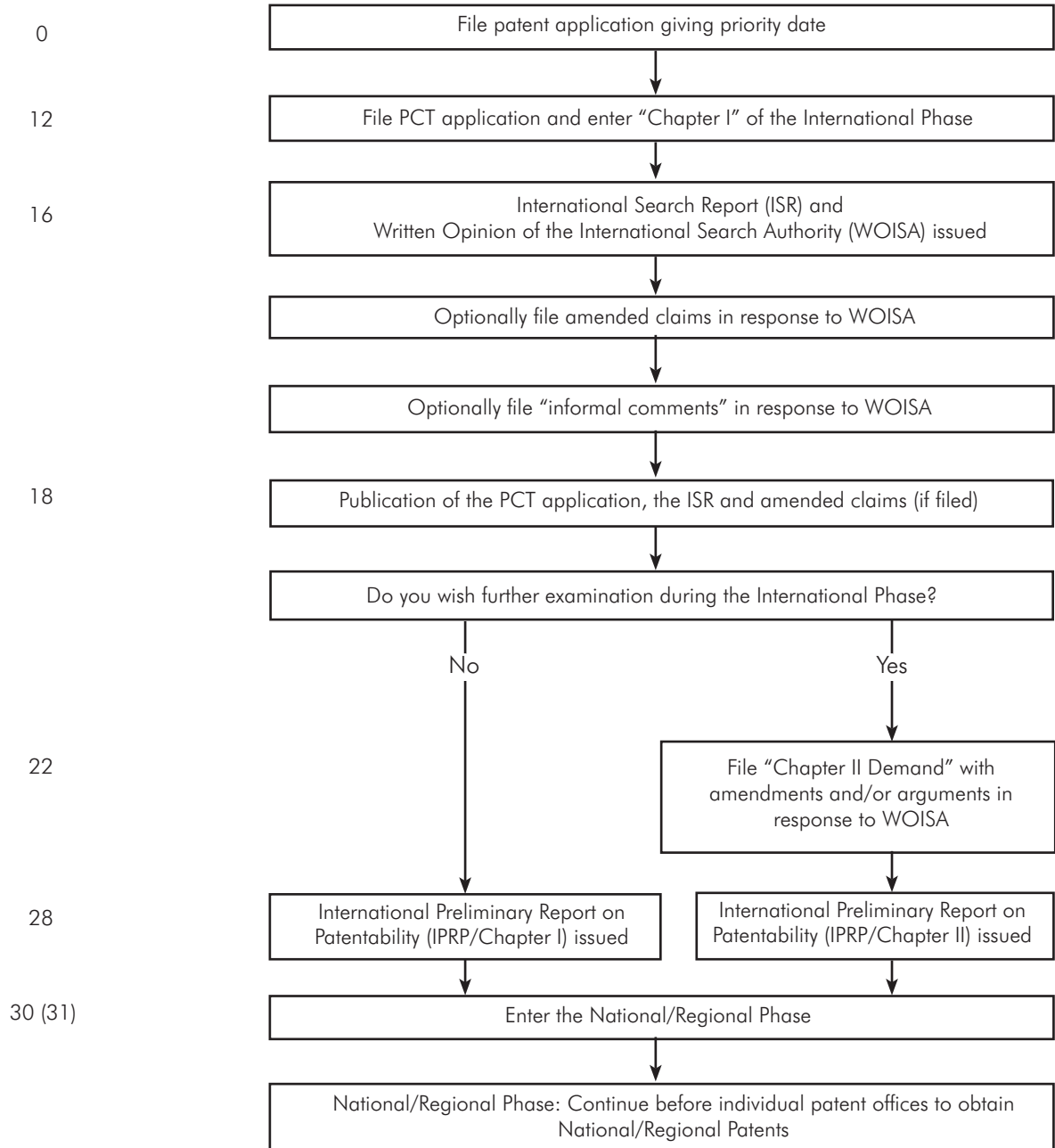
³ EP does not include Andorra.

⁴ On 3rd June 2006, the former state of Serbia & Montenegro (YU) divided into the Republic of Serbia (RS) and the Republic of Montenegro (ME).

⁵ Albania (AL) is available as an EP extension state until 30th April 2010, and as an EP member state from 1st May 2010.

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