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to enable applicants to file communications for international
applications with the proper international authority**

Type of COMMUNICATIONS To Be Filed	OFFICE to be filed in
International Application - Request (Form PCT/RO/101) - application (description, claims, drawings, abstract, etc.)	
- for US applicant	RO/US or RO/IB ¹
- for Applicant from any PCT contracting state	appropriate RO ² or RO/IB
Response to Receiving Offices (RO)	
- Forms PCT/RO/###	with the RO issuing the form
Response to International Searching Authority (ISA)	
- Forms PCT/ISA/###	with the ISA issuing the form
Response to lack of unity during Chapter I	with the ISA issuing the form
Later filed reference to a deposited microorganism (PCT Rule Rule13^{bis}.4)	IB only
Non-US priority document (PCT Rule 17)	IB*
Article 19 amendments	IB only
Informal response to the Written Opinion of the ISA (PCT/ISA/237) and no demand filed	IB only
Demand (Form PCT/IPEA/401)	
- US was RO and USPTO was searching authority (ISA/US)	IPEA/US or IPEA/KR
- US was RO and European Patent Office was searching authority (ISA/EP)	IPEA/EP or IPEA/US or IPEA/KR
- US was RO and Korean Intellectual Property Office was searching authority (ISA/KR)	IPEA/KR or IPEA/US
- US was RO and Australian Patent Office was searching authority (ISA/AU)	IPEA/AU or IPEA/US or IPEA/KR
Article 34 amendments	with the competent IPEA only
Response to International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) - Forms PCT/IPEA/###	with the IPEA issuing the form
Reply to written opinion of the IPEA (PCT/IPEA/408)	with the IPEA issuing the form

Response to lack of unity during Chapter II	with the IPEA issuing the form
Withdrawal	
- of the international Application	IB*
- of a designation	IB*
- of a priority claim	IB*
Withdrawal of the Demand or Elections	IB only
Change in applicant, agent, etc. (PCT Rule 92^{bis})	IB*

1 A foreign filing license (37 CFR 5.11) may be required to file directly with the IB. See MPEP ¶ 140.

2 National Patent Office of the applicant's country or regional Patent Office acting for applicant's country.

* These communications may also be submitted to the receiving Office. However, it is **strongly urged** that these be submitted **directly with the IB** to ensure timely actions on the communication.