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<b>REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PILOT PROGRAM BETWEEN THE NICARAGUAN REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (NRIP) AND THE USPTO</b>			
Application No.:		First Named Inventor:	
Filing Date:		Attorney Docket No.:	
Title of Invention:			
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<p><b>APPLICANT HEREBY REQUESTS PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITIONS TO MAKE THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION SPECIAL UNDER THE PPH PILOT PROGRAM.</b></p>			
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<p><b>Office of earlier examination (OEE): NRIP (The Nicaraguan Registry of Intellectual Property)</b></p> <p><b>NRIP application number:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Both the NRIP application and the above-identified U.S. application have the following earliest date (filing or priority date):</b> _____</p> <p><b>Type of NRIP work product relied upon:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Mailing date of NRIP work product:</b> _____</p>			
<p><b>Supporting Documents</b></p> <p><b>1. NRIP Work Product and Translation</b></p> <p>A copy of the most recent NRIP office action prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" and translation if not already in English:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attached    <input type="checkbox"/> Previously Submitted    <input type="checkbox"/> Not required because the decision to grant a patent was the first office action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant requests the USPTO to attempt to obtain the NRIP work product from the Dossier Access System</p> <p>NOTE: If the applicant requests the USPTO to obtain the NRIP work product electronically and such attempt is unsuccessful, the applicant will be required to supply the document. Accordingly, to avoid dismissal of the initial PPH request and potential denial of participation in the PPH program, the applicant should verify that the NRIP work product is actually available via the Dossier Access System before requesting retrieval. If the applicant is unable to verify availability, then the applicant should submit the document with the PPH request.</p>			
<p><b>2. References Cited in NRIP Work Product</b></p> <p>An information disclosure statement (IDS) listing the references cited in the NRIP work product and document copies (except U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attached    <input type="checkbox"/> Previously Submitted    <input type="checkbox"/> Not required because no references were cited in the NRIP work product</p>			

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