



SCREENING CHAPTER 7 on INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

AGENDA ITEM XVII: EPO/EPC

Country Session: The Republic of TURKEY
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1. Establishing a Centralised European Patent Granting System

Turkey participated in the preparatory work establishing a centralised European patent granting system.



2. IIB Membership

From 1955 onwards, Turkey was a member of the former International Patent Institute (IIB) and obtained from that Institute, prior art search reports on patent applications filed in Turkey by non-residents.



3. Luxembourg Inter-governmental Conference

Turkey was invited to and participated in the Luxembourg Inter-governmental Conference, held in 1969, at which the work on setting up a European patent system commenced.

Turkey was entitled to privilege of acceding to the EPC at any time.



4. Munich Diplomatic Conference

The European Patent Convention was concluded on 5 October 1973 at the Munich Diplomatic Conference. Twenty-two European states were invited including Turkey.



5. Observer Status at the AC of the European Patent Organisation

- Turkey had observer status in the Organisation in 2000.
- Turkey was invited to the 79th Administrative Council (AC) meeting in February 2000.
- Turkey was represented in the 14th meeting of the CPL and the 81st meeting of the AC



6. Accession to the European Patent Convention

- Turkey became the 20th member of the European Patent Organization on 1 November 2000.

7. Meetings of the European Patent Organisation

Turkey is represented in the meetings of the AC and its sub-committee's;

- Budget-Finance Committee (BFC)
- Committee on Patent Law (CPL)
- Working Party on Technical Information (WPTI)
- Working Party on Litigation and its sub-group (WPL)



8. Diplomatic Conference to Revise the European Patent Convention

- Turkey participated in Diplomatic Conference to revise the EPC (EPC 2000) in November 2000.
- Turkey also signed the revision act.
- The ratification procedure for the revised version of the EPC (EPC 2000) is continuing.



9. Co-operation Programmes between TPI and EPO

- Turkey is entitled to participate in the EPO's framework for co-operation programmes with the member states.
- Two kinds of Co-operation Programmes;
 - Bilateral Co-operation Programmes
 - Multilateral Co-operation Programmes



10. Bilateral Co-operation Programmes

Major tasks:

- to guarantee a modern and effective way of publishing and disseminating Turkish patent documentation
- to equip TPI with the tools necessary to access the patent information services available via the EPO and to modernise TPI's administration procedures
- to act in raising awareness on the protection of industrial property throughout the national territory



11. Multilateral Co-operation Programmes

Major tasks:

- dissemination of patent awareness in Turkey
- training of TPI staff on patent information
- adaptation of technologies and tools developed by the EPO
- innovation support programme



12. Representation in Elected Boards:

- President of TPI, was elected as one of the seven members of Supervisory Board of European Patent Academy for three years by the AC of the Organisation in its 101st meeting held in March 2005.
- A Turkish judge was appointed to the Enlarged Board of Appeal of EPO.

13. Close Co-operation with EPO

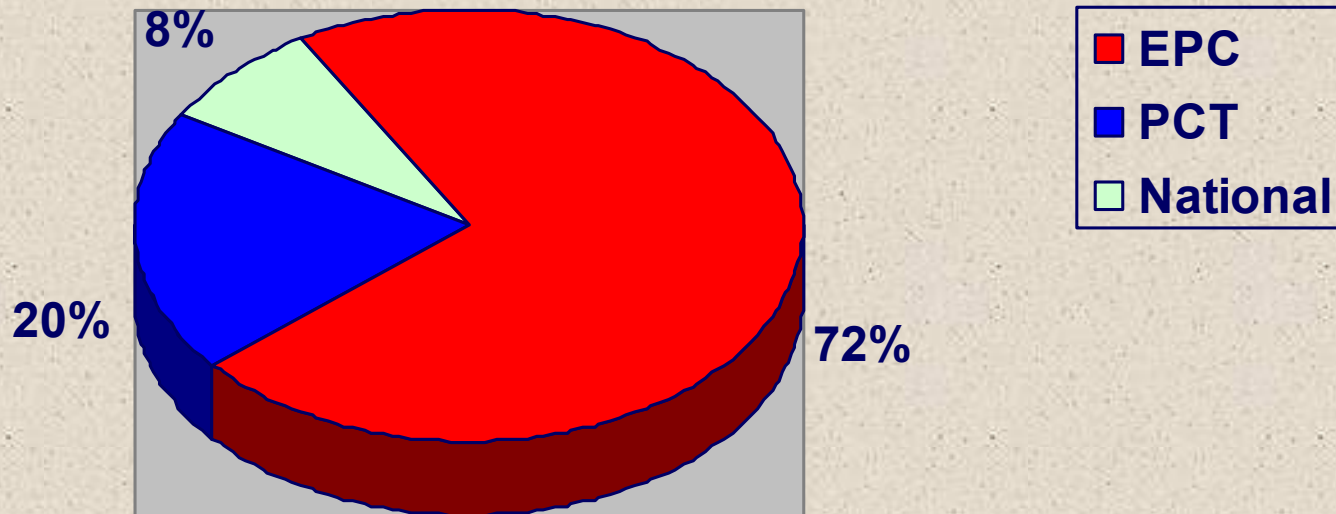
- President of EPO, paid his first official visit among National Offices to TPI.
- Chairman of the AC of European Patent Organisation, paid a visit to TPI in 2005.
- Vice-Presidents of EPO visited to TPI several times last two years.
- Several technical visits organised during last two years.
- 9th Annual Member States Meeting on International Co-operation took place in TPI's premises on 7-8 July 2005.
- TPI's active role in the region in co-operation with the EPO.



14. STATISTICS

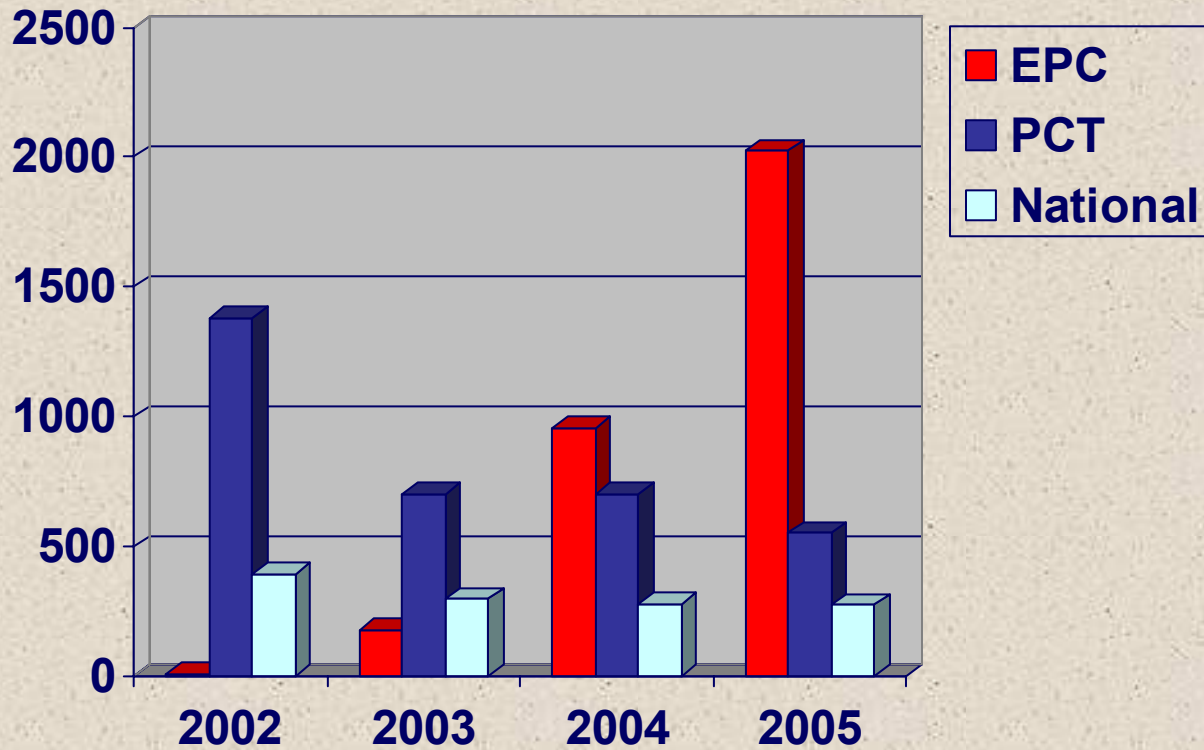


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