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### *Thirty-month Time Limit for Entry into the National Phase Now Possible in Respect of all PCT Contracting States*

*PCT Article 22(1): Withdrawal of Notification of Incompatibility*

*--- Serbia and Montenegro*

The Intellectual Property Office (Serbia and Montenegro), in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn, with effect from 10 July 2004, its notification of the incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002, with its national law.

As indicated in the notice of withdrawal, the current 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) will apply, in so far as Serbia and Montenegro is concerned, to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004.

Now that Serbia and Montenegro has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility, the only remaining designated Offices that have not withdrawn their notification of incompatibility are the Offices of the seven States (Switzerland, Finland, Luxembourg, Sweden, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia), however, that all of those remaining States are covered by a regional designation (AP or EP), with the result that applicants can always enter the regional phase in those States within the time limit under PCT Article 22(3) of 31 month.