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● International Search Report (ISR)

- The results of the international search are recorded in the International Search Report.
- The Search Report is published by the International Bureau.
- The Search Report serves as a basis for any examination of the International application by the designated Offices.

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● Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority (WOISA)

(International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter I) (IPRP(I)))

- Its primary role is to identify whether or not the claimed invention appears to be novel, involve an inventive step (be non-obvious) and be industrially applicable.

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● International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER)

(International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter II) (IPRP(II)))

- Assuming that international preliminary examination is demanded, an IPER is drawn up at the end of the process of examination, taking into account amendments or observations that the applicant has made during the process.

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Flowchart of Typical International Application Processing

