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Thankyou for this opportunity to comment. I am a Micro Entity Status for my third (current) patent application.

I filed with the USPTO on 10/30/18 and following on 10/30/19 with the PCT (Foreign). I received my First USPTO Examiner Action on 8/20/21, 2 yrs.10 mos., following the initial filling.

Generally, there is a thirty month window to file in individual countries, following the priority date (10/30/18). In my case the deadline for such was approximately 4/30/21. I hoped to learn if my USPTO application was certain to meet allowance, prior to investing significantly in foreign countries. I chose to allow that thirty month window to expire, as I had yet to have any indication that my application would be successful. Without the precedence and weight of a US patent, I had reduced confidence that my application would lead to allowance in foreign countries.

I question the correlation of time allowances as provided by the USPTO and the PCT. Perhaps, the thirty month window can be increased and/or other adjustments can be made that would increase the opportunities for success.

Respectfully, Steven Schneider

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