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c. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box No. II)

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box No III)

4. With regard to the **title**,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
 the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

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b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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