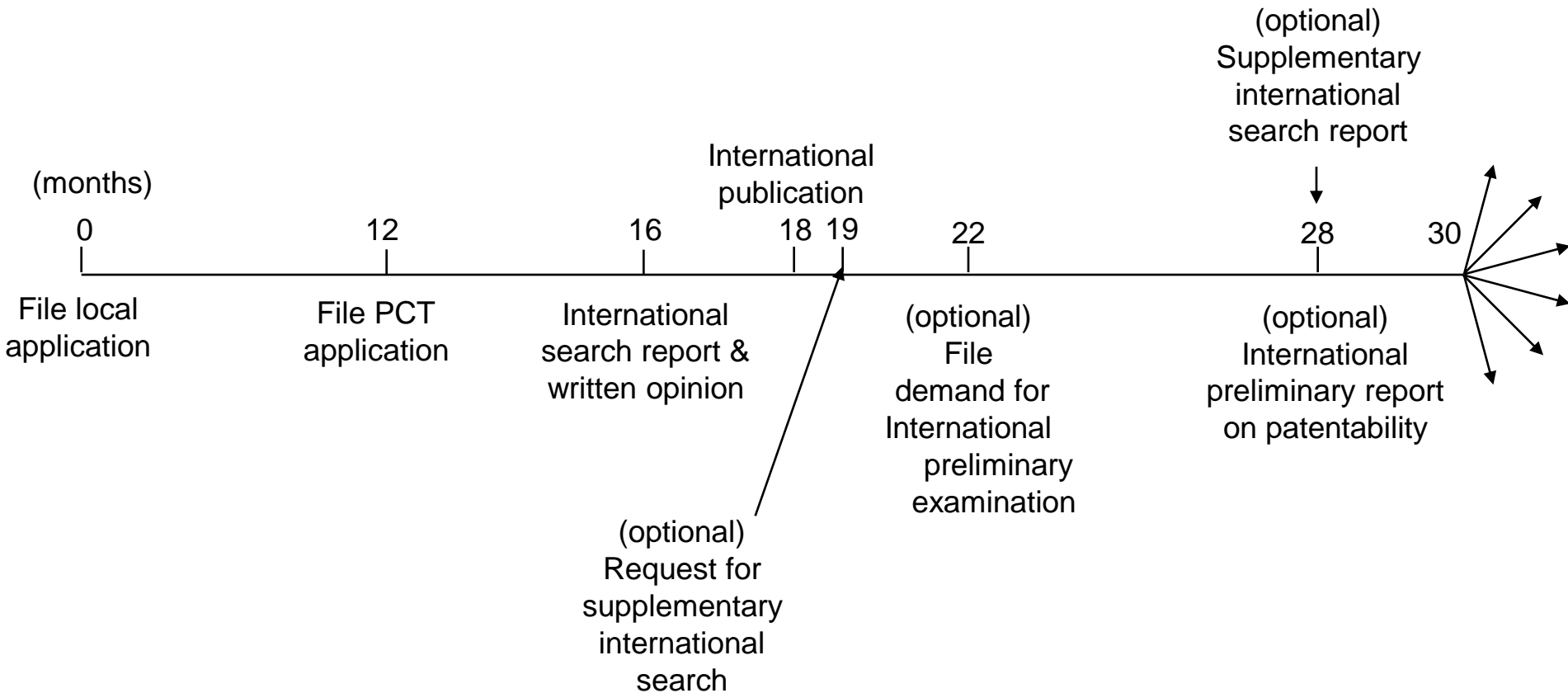


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A	Fig. 5, support 36	11-12
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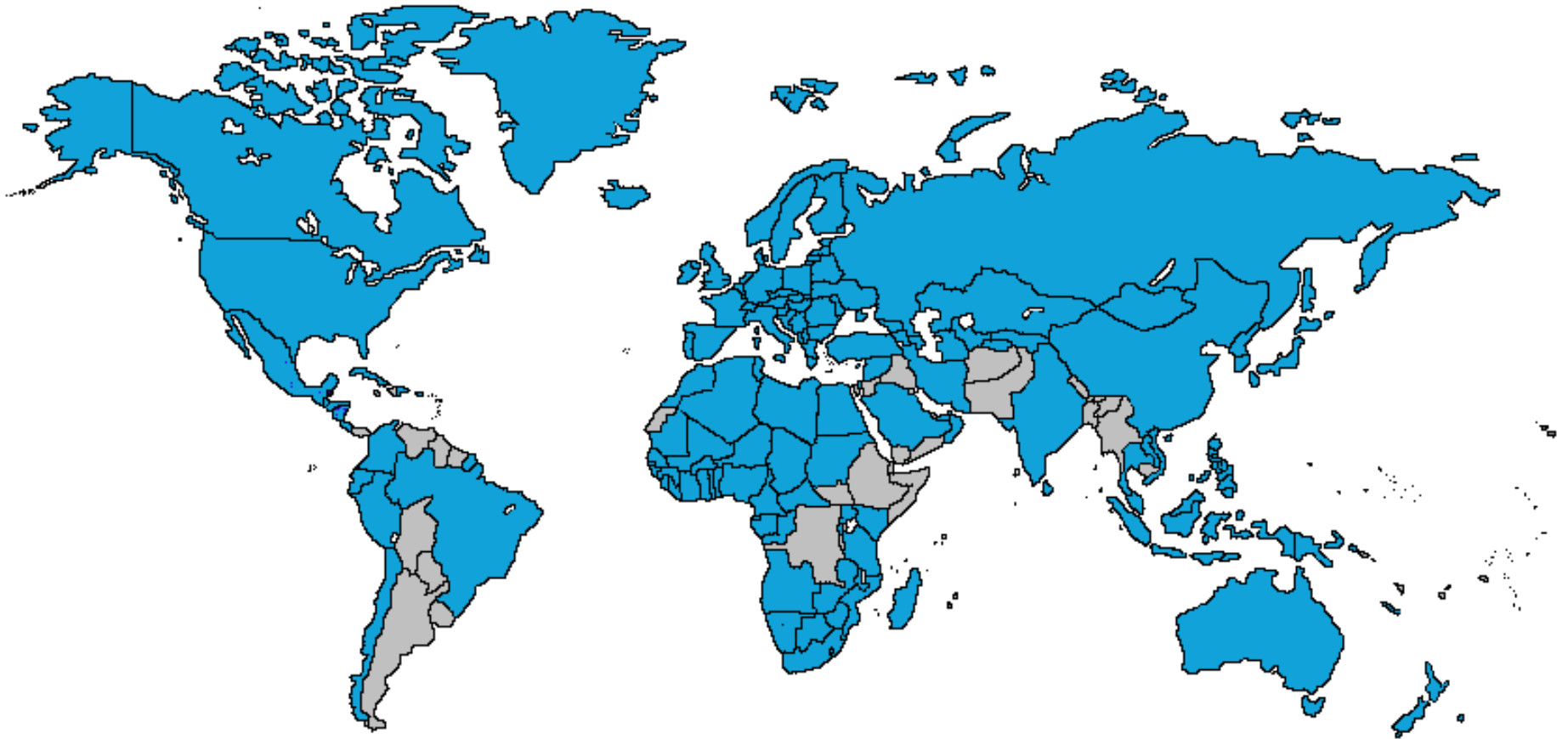
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Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>Claim(s) 3-15</u> YES
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Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>Claim(s) 8, 10-12</u> YES
	Claims	<u>Claim(s) 3-7, 9, 14-16</u> NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>Claim(s) 3-16</u> YES
	Claims	_____ NO
2. Citations and explanations:		
INDEPENDENT CLAIM 3		
Document US-A-5 332 238, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses (cf. relevant passages indicated in the ISR) a device from which the subject-matter of INDEPENDENT CLAIM 3		
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1. Reasoning supporting the assessment

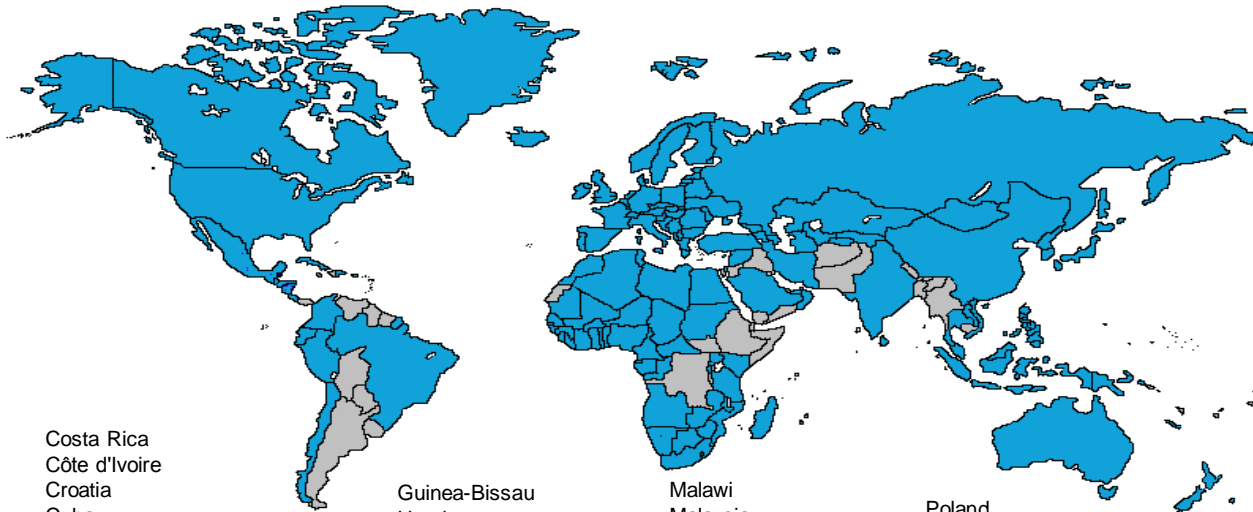
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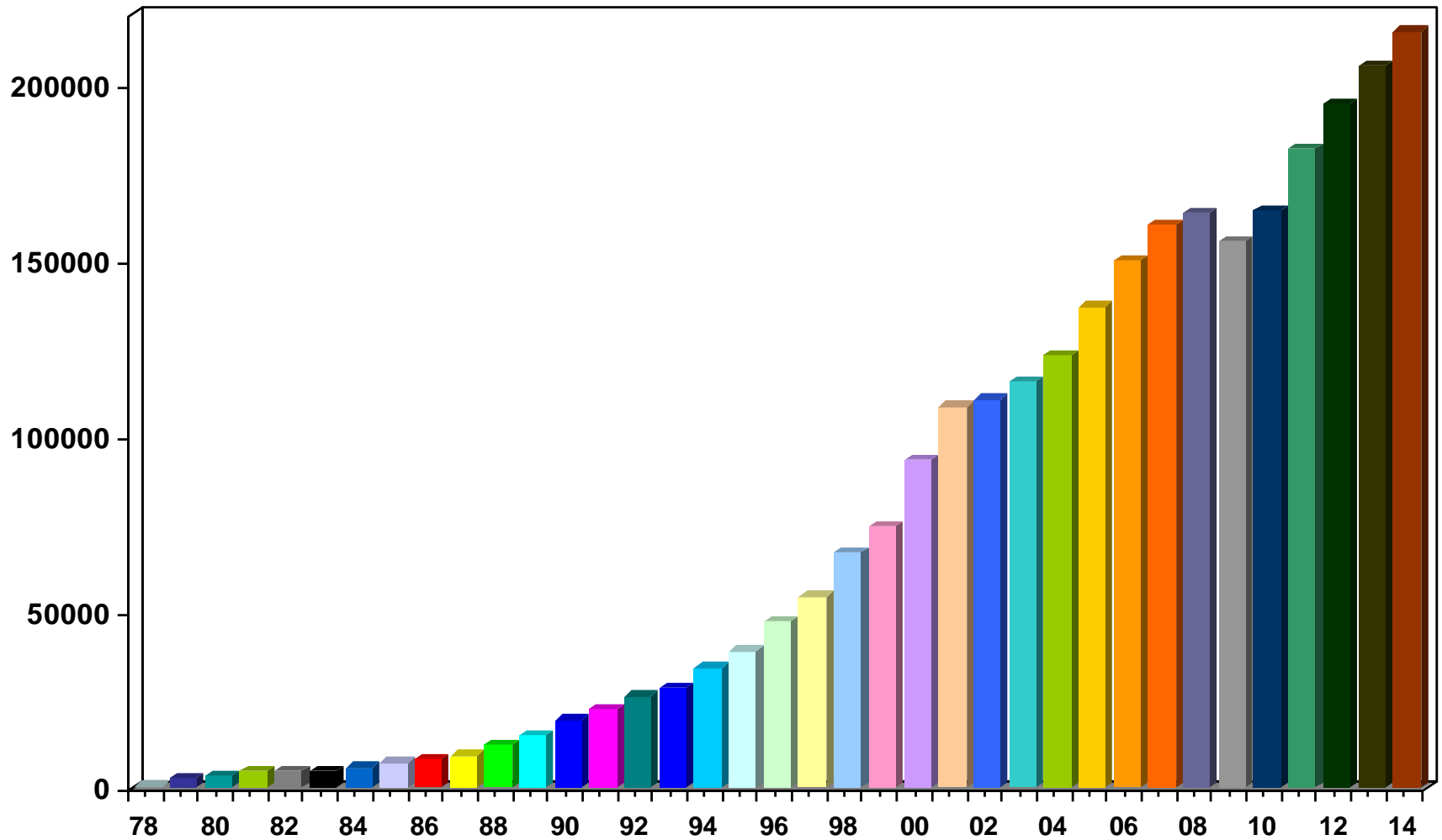
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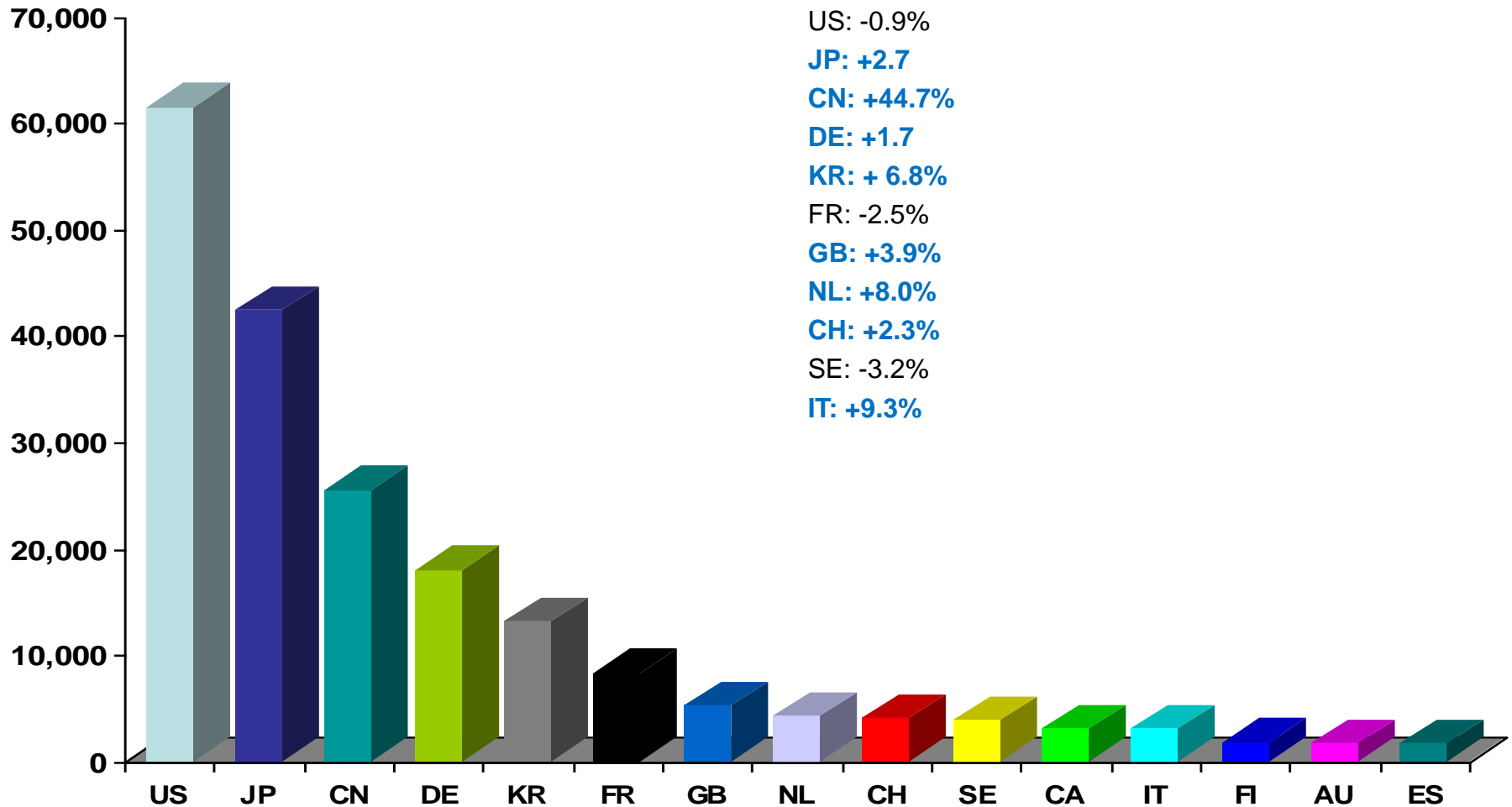
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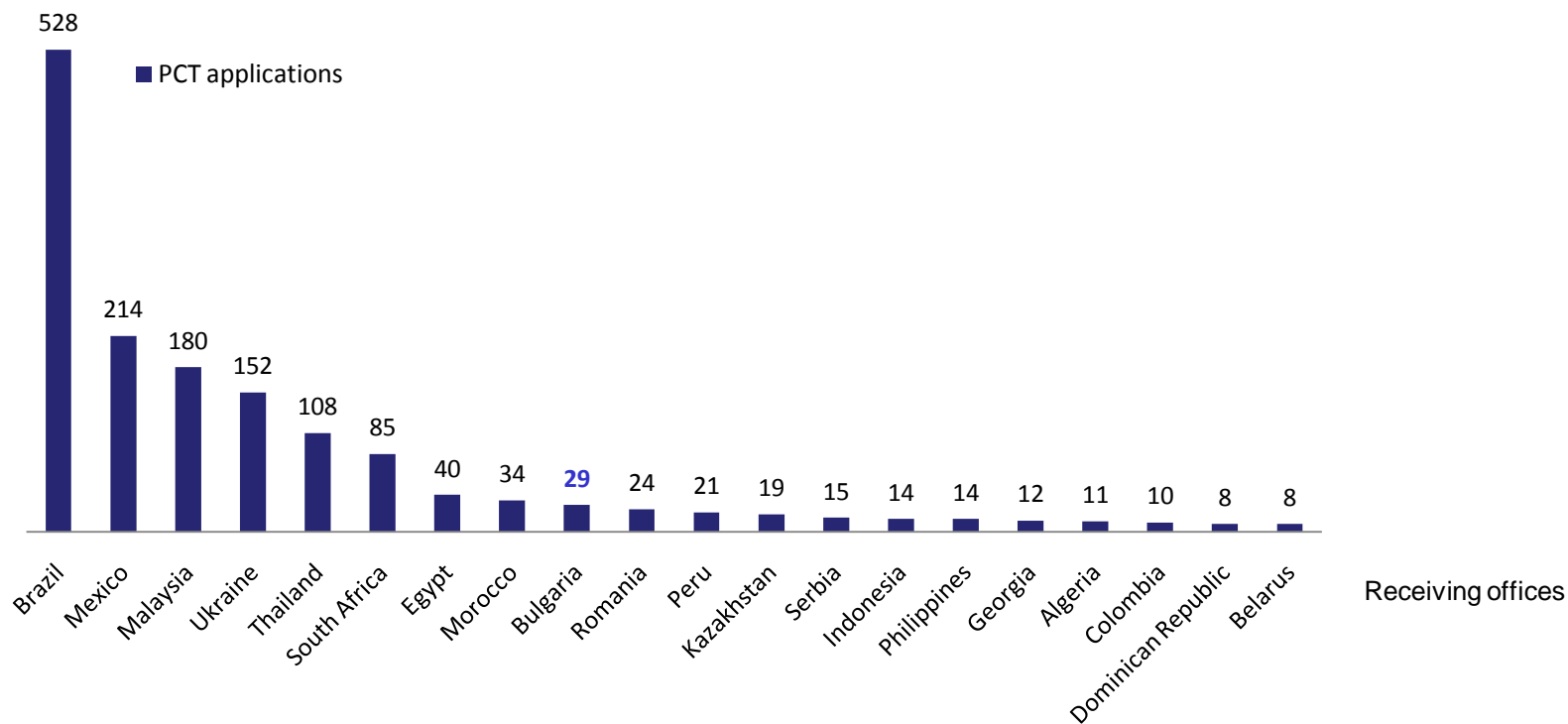


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