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- PCT has been successful
- Improvement is always possible
- Director Kappos requested that PCT improvements be identified
- Team focused on
  - Quality
  - Transparency
  - Simplification
A series of diverse ideas were identified
- Some are simple and can be implemented in short term
- Some are more complex and would require more time
They are general concepts that can be modified.
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- Self-Service Changes (92bis/Priority Claims)
- Limited Chapter I Claim Amendments
- Simplify Withdrawal of International Applications
- Standardizing Fee Reductions for National Stage Applications
- International Small/Micro Entity Fee
• Integrate National/International Phases
  – Use a National First Action on the Merits for PCT Search Report
  – Require Response to Negative Comments at the National Phase
• Mandatory Recordation of Search Strategy
• Collaborative Searching (2+ Offices), Eliminate Supplementary Int. Search
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• Mandatory Top-up Searches
• Development and Implementation of a Global Dossier and Incorporation into PCT
• Formal Integration of the PPH into the PCT
• Make the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority Available to the Public after International Publication
• Proposal has been submitted to international bodies
  – Trilateral, IP5
  – WIPO (Joint UK/US proposal)
• Reaction has been positive
• Next step – Revise document in view of comments received
• Move forward
Thank you!