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# 2019 WIPO General Assembly

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- Topics included:
  - Organization's budget - including fee-funded Unions (PCT, Madrid, Hague)
  - Contribution of 1% from the fee-funded unions to common expenses not accepted by members (i.e., Lisbon Agreement)
  - No decision to hold a diplomatic conference for the draft Design Law Treaty (DLT) on design formalities due to lack of agreement on disclosure requirement and technical assistance
  - Preparations for 2021 evaluation of the external offices network
  - Preparation for election of new director general

# 2019 WIPO General Assembly side meetings - bilateral

- USPTO held 17 meetings with IP offices
  - new PPH MOU with SAIP
  - cooperative MOU with EPO



# 2019 WIPO General Assembly side meetings - bilateral

- Topics included:
  - Development and implementation of AI tools for patents, trademarks, and designs
  - Policy and legal topics associated with AI inventions and implementation
  - Work-sharing efforts including expansion of PPH offices, collaborative search pilot partners, and validation agreements
  - Harmonization
  - Cooperation and initiatives at IP5, TM5, and ID5

# 2019 WIPO General Assembly side meetings – group B+

- USPTO hosted the B+ sub-group on harmonization and group B+ plenary meetings
  - The sub-group focused on the current status of the substantive harmonization package under development by the Trilateral Industry (IT3)
  - The plenary focused on developments in cross border aspects of client-attorney privilege (CAP)
  - Both discussed areas of future work

# 2019 WIPO General Assembly side meetings - trilateral

- USPTO hosted the trilateral heads of office meeting between the EPO, JPO, and USPTO
  - Topics included:
    - Future work focusing on emerging global patent challenges
    - Promoting innovation through the use of IP
    - Harmonization



# Thank you!

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