

# Patent Public Advisory Committee Meeting

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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



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- 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



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- 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



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- 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



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**Thank you!**