

# Patent Public Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

## International Update

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# IP5 Deputy/Heads Meeting June 2014 (1)

- Patent Harmonization Expert Panel (PHEP)
  - Agreement on areas of future work
    - Unity of Invention (EPO, SIPO)
      - To be taken up first and discussed in detail at the next PHEP meeting
    - Citation of Prior Art (KIPO, USPTO)
    - Written Description/Sufficiency of Disclosure (JPO)



# IP5 Deputy/Heads Meeting June 2014 (2)

- Patent Cooperation Treaty
  - Agreement to collaborate on four areas of improvement as proposed by KIPO
    - Work sharing
      - Between international and national applications
    - Standards for improved access to PCT documents
    - Enhanced quality of international search and examination
    - Promote utilization of the PCT by SMEs and independent inventors



# IP5 Deputy/Heads Meeting June 2014 (3)

- Establishment of IP5 Quality Management Meeting
  - To be held at next IP5 WG3 meeting



# PCT Initiatives at the USPTO (1)

- Assessment of PCT Improvement plans
  - PCT 20/20, PCT 3.0, Kaizen, PCT Roadmap, etc.
  - Implementation status
  - Benefits of proposals yet to be adopted or implemented
  - IP5 coordination on implementation where possible
    - In addition to areas already endorsed at IP5 Heads Meeting in June 2014



# PCT Initiatives at the USPTO (2)

- Israel as competent International Searching Authority for the U.S. receiving Office
  - From 01 October 2014
- USPTO's PCT Task Force
  - Improvements related to
    - Timeliness
    - Efficiency
    - Quality



# Questions and Comments?

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