OPIA recent developments

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OPIA update

• Work-sharing
• Upcoming meetings
• ID5
Work-sharing

• Cambodia
• Mexico
• Other jurisdictions
Upcoming meetings (Nov.-Dec.)

• Trilateral
  – Heads of office meeting
  – Meeting with industry

• WIPO
  – Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs, and Geographical Indications
  – Standing Committee on the Law of Patents
  – Working Group on the Legal Developments of the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs

• Group B+
ID5 timeline

- 2015—USPTO
- 2016—CNIPA
- 2017—EUIPO
- 2018—KIPO
- 2019—JPO
- 2020—USPTO
Strategic objectives

- ID5 has developed into a key mechanism for implementing global best practices benefitting U.S. innovative design applicants by effectively and efficiently protecting their designs across the globe.
Strategic objectives

• Ensuring effective industrial design protection exists for designs in all technologies
• Improving consistency in design registration/examination policies and practices
• Focusing global efforts to identify the needs and challenges of the design community through stakeholder outreach and information sharing
Achievements

• Implemented a common electronic priority document exchange system
• Agreed on recommended design formalities practices (i.e., DLT)
• Completed 16 projects and comparative studies to simplify processes for applicants around the globe
• Created new comprehensive reference manuals for applicants
2020 ID5 Virtual Annual Meeting
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• Closed comparative study on design infringement remedies
• Progressed current projects
• Initiated discussions on further areas for potential “ID5 recommend practices”
• Noted increasing importance of new and virtual environments and associated challenges
2020 ID5 Virtual Annual Meeting

• Opened five new projects:
  – Joint communication plan for enhanced engagement with users
  – Information exchanges on new technologies in industrial design rights
  – Comparative study on deferred publication and examination
  – Comparative study on term and renewal of protection
  – Five year review for areas of convergence for recommended practices and update by ID5
2021 expectations

• Work uninterrupted by current situation
• CNIPA will be Secretariat and host
• Expected user session regardless of whether virtual or in person meeting
• Enhanced opportunity for engagement by users through the ID5 website and other USPTO outreach
Thank you!

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