



AGREED STATEMENT

BETWEEN

THE JAPAN PATENT OFFICE, THE OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET, THE KOREAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE, THE STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ON ADMINISTERING A NEW INDUSTRIAL DESIGN FRAMEWORK ("ID5")

CONSIDERING the value and the significance of industrial design in global and domestic markets, and its expanding role in innovation;

RECOGNIZING the importance to promote and further the development of user-friendly, highly-efficient and interoperable industrial design protection systems;

ACKNOWLEDGING that such aims can be achieved through mutual understanding and collaboration on initiatives, aimed at improving, promoting awareness of, and work efficiency, quality and user-friendliness of industrial design systems; and

ENDEAVORING to establish a new industrial design framework comprised of the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO), and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (collectively referred to herein as the "Partners").

THE PARTNERS HAVE REACHED A COMMON UNDERSTANDING AS FOLLOWS:

The Partners intend to establish a new industrial design framework known as the "ID5". A formal meeting shall be held annually (Annual Meeting) and is to be scheduled subject to the availability of the Partners. If one of the Partners is unable to attend, the other Partners may still agree to hold the meeting. The Partners shall rotate the ID5 Secretariat which hosts the Annual Meeting and conduct the Annual Meeting in an efficient and cost-effective manner such as meeting directly before or after TM5 meetings and in the same city.

The Secretariat shall be responsible for organizing any desired informal meetings of the Partners prior to the Annual Meeting. The Secretariat shall also provide venue facilities for the meeting but shall not be responsible for travel costs of the other Partners.

The establishment of further procedures to administer the ID5 will include the formulation of principles to govern the roles of Partners; operational logistics; administrative arrangements, initiative and project development; rules governing non-Partners, such as Observers and Users; and other procedures as agreed to by the Partners.

This Agreed Statement does not create any legal obligations under international or domestic law.

Signed at Washington on December 3, 2015.

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