

# Patent Harmonization Expert Panel (PHEP) – Global Assignment update

Industry Consultation Group Meeting  
2022

# PHEP New topics

- Global assignment  
(Lead Offices: KIPO/USPTO)
- Allowable features in drawings  
(Lead Office: JPO)
- Potential additional topics:
  - Legal issues related to NET/AI (Lead Office(s): tbc)

# Phase 1 activities – Global Assignment

- Comparison chart containing the current requirements of each office – **currently in progress**
- Report containing evaluated draft assignment proposals from Industry, including identified challenges and areas of convergence
- Identify areas of convergence/divergence in charts between Office requirements
- Evaluate Office requirements relative to IP5 Industry proposal
- Present options for alignment of Office requirements to support Phase 2
- Coordination with IP5 IT experts
- Feasibility assessment report for phase 2
- Approval of details plan for phase 2

# Comparison chart

- USPTO and KIPO prepared comparison chart to capture the administrative and legal requirements at each office
- Chart has three categories:
  - Legal requirements
  - Administrative requirements
  - Other considerations
- For each requirement/consideration, Offices are:
  - Providing response on how it is handled within the respective office
  - Providing the legal/administrative basis for how it is handled, if applicable
  - Providing any notes or additional comments to further explain as needed

# Next steps

- IP5 Offices complete chart – by mid-February 2022
- KIPO/USPTO present next steps for evaluating draft assignment proposals and common forms – by end of February 2022
- IP5 PHEP meeting in spring 2022 (tbc)

THANK YOU

