Acronyms

AIA America Invents Act

ARIPO African Regional Intellectual Property Office

CPC Cooperative Patent Classification

DOCDB DOCument DataBase [EPO]

EAPO Eurasian Patent Organization

EPC European Patent Convention [EPO]

EPO European Patent Office

EU European Union

FAOM First office Action On Merits [USPTO]

FLASH First Look Application Sharing

FOSR Four Office Statistics Report

FY Fiscal Year

IB International Bureau

IFRS International Financial Reporting Standards

IMF International Monetary Fund

IP Intellectual Property

IP5 Five IP [Offices] (EPO, JPO, KIPO, SIPO, USPTO)

IP5 SR IP5 Statistics Report

IPC International Patent Classification

IPR Intellectual Property Rights

IPEA International Preliminary Examination Authority

ISA International Searching Authority

IP5 Statistics Report 2011

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IT Information Technology

JP-FIRST JP-Fast Information Release Strategy

JPO Japan Patent Office

KIPO Korean Intellectual Property Office

OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

OFF Office of First Filing

OSF Office of Second Filing

PACE Program for Accelerated Prosecution of European Patent Applications

PCT Patent Cooperation Treaty

PL Public Law

PPH Patent Prosecution Highway

RCE Requests for Continued Examination

R. Korea Republic of Korea

RO Receiving Office

SIPO State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

SMEs Small and Medium Size Enterprises

TSR Trilateral Statistical Report

U.S. United States of America

USPTO United States Patent and Trademark Office

VA U.S. State of Virginia

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization