IP5-Industry's comments on
- IP5 PHEP Update on Progress
"Allowable Features in Drawings" -

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・A comparison table of drawing formats created by IP5 offices under the initiative of JPO will be very helpful to the industry to understand the issues for harmonization.

・On behalf of the industry, we would like to express our gratitude to IP5 offices for creating this comparison table.   We look forward to publication of this table on IP5 website as a great outcome of phase 1.

・*We would also appreciate if IP5 offices notify us once the table is posted on the IP5 website.*

Items for which no safe format is found

・Unfortunately, there were some items in the comparison table for which a safe format could not be found.

   EX1 Image format
   EX2 Size of characters and symbols

・We hope that IP5 Offices continue to consider in order to reach a safe format for such items.

・As to color / grayscale drawings, "Black and White" was found as a safe format.   However, the industry's true desire is that the use of grayscale is accepted as a possible option by IP5 offices + WIPO.

・Please continue to consider whether grayscale can be added to the lowest common denominator by IP5 offices + WIPO without complicated conditions in the phase 2.

・We think that feasibility should be emphasized, such as just expressing no rejection for using grayscale or making a minor rule change for the grayscale.

Step by Step Approach

・We think there may be some hurdles to be overcome about standardization of the drawing format in the widest format.

・By allocating short-term, middle-term, and long-term goals according to the height of the hurdles, we hope that the harmonization will steadily move forward while we earn outcome one after another.

Thank you