2026 Joint Statement of the IP5 Offices

On June 12, 2026, the five largest intellectual property offices, namely, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) of the Republic of Korea, the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), which together account for 85% of all patent applications worldwide and are collectively known as the IP5 Offices, convened for the 19th IP5 Heads of Office Meeting. The meeting was chaired by Mr. KASAI Yasuyuki, Commissioner of the JPO. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) attended in an observer capacity.

The IP5 Offices acknowledged the increasing adoption of AI to enhance internal processes within IP offices, with the aim of improving user services and examination quality and efficiency. In this context, they reaffirmed the importance of ensuring responsible use of AI, and strengthened cooperation in the age of AI among the IP5 Offices.

Reflecting on the outcomes of the annual meeting of the Heads of Office and IP5 Industry representatives held on June 11, where participants shared their perspectives on AI use, the IP5 Offices highlighted the importance of continued cooperation with IP5 Industry. This cooperation remains crucial given the rapid transformations in their operating environment driven by the development of New Emerging Technologies and Artificial Intelligence (NET/AI).

Furthermore, the IP5 Offices agreed to strengthen their collaboration to ensure that policies and initiatives keep pace with the rapid advances in NET /AI, demonstrating their commitment to innovation, excellence, and positive influence.

The following specific results were achieved during the meeting:

- ✓ IP5 Offices reaffirmed the need to revise the current governance structure of the IP5 cooperation and to establish a more flexible and effective framework, enabling the timely delivery of concrete results. In

this context, they emphasized efforts to address cross-Working Group (WG) issues, streamline and rationalize initiatives implemented within each WG, and enhance connectivity among WGs.

- ✓ On the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the endorsement of the IP5 NET/AI Roadmap, which outlines joint efforts of the IP5 Offices in the area of NET/AI, the Offices reviewed the progress made under the Roadmap and identified new opportunities for cooperation. Given the increasing use of AI in the examination process, the IP5 Offices recognized this as a key area for further consideration and potential collaboration. They agreed to initiate discussions on work sharing utilizing AI technologies.
- ✓ Recognizing the importance of IP5 cooperation projects and initiatives to improve quality and efficiency of the IP5 Offices' services, the Heads of Office endorsed progress and next steps of these projects and initiatives, including the IP5 working group report and the revised IP5 Vision Statement.

The IP5 Offices reaffirmed their commitment to supporting users in light of the significant changes brought about by the remarkable advancements in NET/AI. Furthermore, they will actively contribute, together with WIPO, including through the PCT system, to fostering constructive cooperation and to facilitating progress in the development of robust and forward-looking international intellectual property frameworks and systems.

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