



Trilateral Office and User Meeting

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Improvement of the PCT System

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- PCT has been successful
- Improvement is always possible
- Director Kappos requested that PCT improvements be identified



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Team focused on

- Increased quality
- Increased transparency
- Simplification



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A series of diverse ideas were identified

- Some are simple and can be implemented in short term
- Some are more complex and would require more time

They are general concepts that can be modified



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- Self-Service Changes (92bis/Priority Claims)
- Limited Chapter I Claim Amendments
- Simplify Withdrawal of International Applications



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- Standardizing Fee Reductions for National Stage Applications
- International Small/Micro Entity Fee (Or Discount)
- Integrate National/International Phases
 - Use a National First Action on the Merits for PCT Search Report
 - Require Response to Negative Comments at the National Phase



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- Mandatory Recordation of Search Strategy
- Collaborative Searching (2 + Offices),
Eliminate Supplementary International
Search
- Mandatory Top-Up Searches



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- Development and Implementation of the Global Dossier and Incorporation into PCT
- Formal Integration of the PPH into the PCT
- Make the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority Available to the Public after International Publication



Thank you!