

The European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, and the United States Patent and Trademark Office met in Geneva, Switzerland, on September 30, 2019, and,

- Recognizing the importance of collaboration among the Trilateral Offices and the need to identify new ways to improve the international patent landscape going forward;
- Reiterating the value of their cooperation based on the common recognition of the role of intellectual property (IP) as a basic system supporting the progress of industry, technology, and international economic growth;
- Confirming the benefit of the Trilateral Cooperation framework as a platform for high-level strategic discussions and consultations with Industry Trilateral (IT3) representatives;
- Noting the role that harmonization of the patent systems of the largest economic regions may play in the growing interdependence of technology markets and applicants' increasingly global IP strategies;
- Acknowledging that international harmonization and alignment of patent procedures may promote a more effective patent system at a global level for the benefit of the Trilateral Offices and their user communities; and
- Reconfirming their commitment to be responsive to the needs of their user communities,

Highlight their joint intentions for the Trilateral Offices this year to:

- Continue the Trilateral Cooperation and establish a new vision and/or agenda for future meetings;
- Endeavor to explore more global strategic issues;
- Encourage the IT3, which is an integral part of the Trilateral Cooperation, to continue to be involved in the discussion regarding new work;
- Continue to discuss substantive harmonization among the Trilateral Offices and with IT3; and
- Support the efforts of the IP5 Dialogue program in order to identify data, resources, and other information to promote a pro-innovation message.