

The European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, and the United States Patent and Trademark Office met in a video conference on 8 December 2020, and,

- Recognizing the importance of collaboration between the Trilateral Offices and Trilateral Industry in identifying new ways to improve the international patent landscape;
- Reiterating the value of their co-operation based on the common recognition of the role of intellectual property (IP) as a basic system supporting innovation necessary to overcome the global health crisis and contributing to international economic recovery;
- Confirming the benefit of the Trilateral co-operation framework and acknowledging past achievements in collaboration with Trilateral Industry;
- Acknowledging that international harmonisation and alignment of patent procedures may promote a more effective patent system at a global level for the benefit of the offices and their user communities; and
- Reconfirming their commitment to working with Trilateral Industry in response to global IP challenges,

Highlight their joint intentions for the Trilateral Offices to:

- Agree with Trilateral Industry on a new Trilateral vision and the future direction of the Trilateral co-operation;
- Exchange frequently with Trilateral Industry and wherever possible take a common approach in response to global challenges in line with users' needs;
- Involve Trilateral Industry, which is an integral part of the Trilateral co-operation, in the discussion regarding future co-operation initiatives including innovative concepts for optimising the international patent system and promotion of awareness on the benefits of IP to society.