

The European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, and the United States Patent and Trademark Office met in a video conference on 7 December 2021, and,

- Recognizing the importance of co-operation between the Trilateral Offices and Trilateral Industry, which is based on a long history of trust and mutual understanding, to identify and address global intellectual property (IP) challenges with a view to continue improving the international patent system;
- Reiterating the value of their co-operation and the common recognition of the role of IP in supporting innovation, as well as addressing the continuing global health crisis and contributing to economic growth and prosperity;
- Acknowledging that international harmonization and coordination of patent procedures promotes greater effectiveness of the international patent system for the benefit of all stakeholders and the public; and
- Reconfirming their commitment to the Trilateral co-operation framework as a suitable platform for policy and strategic discussions and consultation in response to global IP challenges.

Highlight their joint intentions for the Trilateral Offices to:

- Continue to co-operate with Trilateral Industry in line with the new Trilateral vision;
- Support and inform the work of other fora, including the IP5 framework, by identifying and developing proposals to optimize the patent system internationally; and
- Take actions to enhance public awareness and knowledge on the potential of IP in facilitating solutions for global issues.