

The Heads of the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), (the Trilateral Offices), met in Geneva, Switzerland, on September 23, 2013, and:

- reconfirming their commitment to co-operation based on common recognition of the role of industrial property as a basic system supporting the progress of industry, technology, and international economic growth;
- reconfirming their commitment to the success of the various projects that the members of the IP5 have undertaken, and noting that the work they had previously carried out within the framework of the Trilateral Offices is now undertaken under the aegis of the IP5;

have determined, that:

- in view of the work being undertaken by the IP5, it is no longer necessary to continue with the existing framework of standing meetings of the Trilateral Offices, and in place of such meetings, the Heads of the Trilateral Offices intend to hold one yearly meeting, which may include an invitation to meet with members of industry Trilateral Industry (participation by the Trilateral Industry in Trilateral Heads of Offices meetings to be decided by the members of the Trilateral Industry), at a location/date determined by the host office to consider matters of mutual interest between the Offices and Industry;
- the Trilateral Offices may decide, by consensus, to undertake joint projects or to hold ad hoc meetings of the Trilateral Offices as appropriate;
- representatives of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) may continue to be invited as observers to the meetings of the Trilateral Offices; and
- the Trilateral Offices may continue their practice of rotating responsibility for hosting the above-mentioned Trilateral Office meetings.