

The European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) met at the 35th Trilateral Conference in Seville, Spain, on 30 March 2017, and

- Reiterating the value of their co-operation based on the common recognition of the role of industrial property as a basic system supporting the progress of industry, technology, and international economic growth,
- Recognising the opportunities and challenges presented by heightened public awareness of the importance of intellectual property (IP), increased use of the patent system, and resulting higher workload on and need for quality of examination at the Offices,
- Reaffirming the significance of the IP5 Co-operation and noting that the projects previously carried out within the framework of the Trilateral Co-operation are now under the aegis of the IP5 Offices,
- Confirming the benefit of the Trilateral Co-operation framework as a platform for high-level strategic discussions and consultations with Trilateral Industry representatives,
- Noting the role that harmonisation 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 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,
- Reconfirming their commitment to be responsive to the needs of their user communities,

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

- Continue discussions on substantive patent law harmonisation with Trilateral Industry,
- Evaluate the progress in the work of the IP5 Patent Harmonization Expert Panel (PHEP) and support the activities of this IP5 body,
- Support further developments in the five priority areas of the IP5 Global Dossier initiative,
- Keep an open dialogue with and welcome industry input in Trilateral and IP5 co-operation projects,
- Improve their services to users further by exploring more secure and user-friendly options for priority document exchange.