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**Feedback from 1st IP5 Industry Consultation Group
(ICG) meeting
(Munich 19 January 2017)**

**35th Trilateral Conference
Meeting of Trilateral Heads of Office with Trilateral
Industry**

**Hotel Sevilla Center, Seville, Spain
Wednesday, 29 March 2017**

Main outcomes

- Consultation process and cooperation between the IP5 Offices and IP5 Industry: extends to other areas of IP5 co-operation building on the success of the Global Dossier Task Force.
- Overall goals confirmed: improve application efficiency, enhance quality and reduce costs for applicants.
- Meetings of the ICG to take place on a need basis, ideally linked to other meetings of the IP5.



Main outcomes/PHEP topics

- **PHEP/unity of invention:**
 - the proposed methodology for the alignment of relevant practices on the basis of the PCT standard was confirmed;
- **PHEP/citation of prior art:**
 - high priority for IP5 Industry mitigation of applicants' burden resulting from the citation requirements in each of the IP5 Offices;
- **PHEP written description/sufficiency of disclosure:**
 - ongoing work on case studies, including new hypothetical cases, was supported;



Main outcomes

- **PCT CS&E pilot project:** IP5 Industry was invited to participate in the third, applicant-driven pilot which will become operational soon;
- **Procedure Rules Guidance:** the visualisation of the IP5 Offices' patent procedures in the form of flowcharts having hyperlinks to current details on office websites, publication of such information was considered beneficial for certain users;
- **IP5 website:** increased visibility of IP5 deliverables (GD)/improved outreach to users, transparency of the IP5 website, availability of its content in multiple Asian languages;
- **New concept for the IP5 Heads and IP5 Industry meeting:** future meetings will focus more on strategic topics.

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