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Meeting of IP5 Industry (Tokyo, 31 May 2016)
Unity of Invention

Unity of invention –State of play

- Expected endorsement of a coordinated approach on unity by end 2018;
- To cover:
 - international PCT applications;
 - national/regional phase applications via the PCT;

Key messages

- Reiterate the **IP5 Industry position**:
IP5 Offices should apply the PCT unity of invention standard:
one, uniform unity of invention standard for all applications, i.e. for:
 - international PCT applications;
 - national/regional phase applications via the PCT;
 - national applications.
- All IP5 offices could refer to the PCT standard, but even so, in the past, differences occurred due to different implementation. Industry IP5 therefore calls for a common approach in education of examiners.
- Confirm IP5 plans: National applications should also be part of an agreed approach.

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