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Unity of Invention
----PHEP projects

Goal of PHEP

- * In order to enhance the efficiency of the global patent system the IP5 Offices endeavour to explore the harmonization of their practices and procedures.

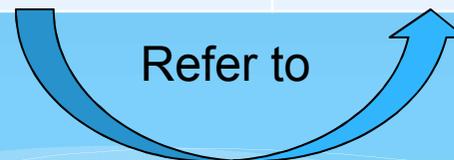
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- * IP5 report by SIPO and EPO
 - * Very detailed discloses current practice in FIVE offices.
 - * Clearly identifying the difference among FIVE offices, especial the gap between USPTO and other offices.
 - * Industry suggestion: IP5 should, at first, adhere to PCT standard, which shall be applied across the entire board of applications the Offices process on the basis of uniform guideline.

Unity of Invention

- * How to reach a uniform guideline?
 - * Firstly, the purposes of Unity of Invention in 5 Offices are same:
 - * Balance interests of application, third party and patent offices.
 - * Prosecution efficiency, economic and technical nature.

“Independent” and “Distinct”	Same Technical Feature
Vague, broad, more subjective	Easy, objective standard, easy to follow
“Claim”	Embodiment



Thank you!