

Annex 3

ACRONYMS

4IR	Fourth Industrial Revolution (9) [EPO]
AIA	Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (88) [USPTO]
ARIPO	African Regional Intellectual Property Office (33)
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations (14) [JPO]
CCD	Common Citation Document (9) [EPO]
CNIPA	China National Intellectual Property Administration of the People's Republic of China (i)
CPC	Cooperative Patent Classification (19) [KIPO]
CSP	Collaborative Search Pilot (14) [JPO]
CS term	Computer Software (13) [JPO]
DOCDB	DOCument DataBase (45) [EPO]
EAPC	Eurasian Patent Convention (39)
EAPO	Eurasian Patent Organization (33)
EGPO	Egyptian Patent Office (20) [KIPO]
EPC	European Patent Convention (2) [EPO]
EPO	European Patent Office (i)
EQAD	Examination Quality Assurance Division (17) [KIPO]
EU	European Union (9) [EPO]
EUIPO	European Union Intellectual Property Office (19) [KIPO]
FA	First Action (i) [JPO]
FAOM	First Office Action on the Merits (92) [USPTO]
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment (9) [EPO]
FI	File Index (13) [JPO]
F-term	File Forming Term (13) [JPO]
FY	Fiscal Year (ii) [USPTO]

GCCPO	Gulf Cooperation Council Patent Office (33)
GIPA	Global Intellectual Property Academy (27) [USPTO]
GPPH	Global Patent Prosecution Highway (13) [JPO]
IAM	Intellectual Assets Magazine (7) [EPO]
IB	International Bureau of WIPO (iii)
ID5	Industrial Design 5: JPO, EUIPO, KIPO, CNIPA, USPTO (27) [USPTO]
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards (10) [EPO]
IoT	Internet of Things (13) [JPO]
IMF	International Monetary Fund (iii)
INPIT	National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training (79) [JPO]
IP	Intellectual Property (1)
IP5	Five IP Offices: EPO, JPO, CNIPA, KIPO, USPTO (i)
IP5 PPH	IP5 Patent Prosecution Highway (9) [EPO]
IP5 SR	IP5 Statistics Report (i)
IPC	International Patent Classification (3)
IPEA	International Preliminary Examination Authority (3)
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights (17) [KIPO]
ISA	International Searching Authority (3)
ITU	International Telecommunication Union (13) [JPO]
JPO	Japan Patent Office (i)
KIPO	Korean Intellectual Property Office (i)
KIPRIS	Korea Intellectual Property Rights Information Service (18) [KIPO]
LADAR	Laser Detection and Ranging (26) [USPTO]
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding (19) [KIPO]
NMT	Neural machine translation (8) [EPO]
OAPI	Organisation Africaine de la Propriété Intellectuelle (33)

OFF	Office of First Filing (13) [JPO]
OPIA	Office of the Administrator for Policy and International Affairs (28) [USPTO]
OSF	Office of Second Filing (13) [JPO]
PACE	Program for Accelerated Prosecution of European Patent Applications (8) [EPO]
PATSTAT	Worldwide Patent Statistical Database (8) [EPO]
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty (1)
PCT-PPH	<i>See PCT and PPH</i> (13) [JPO]
PPH	Patent Prosecution Highway (iv)
P.R. China	People's Republic of China (2)
PR	Public Relations (18) [KIPO]
RCE	Request for Continued Examination (27) [USPTO]
R. Korea	Republic of Korea (2)
RO	Receiving Office (3)
SME	Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise (ii) [JPO]
TM5	Five Trademark Offices (25) [USPTO]
TM5 ID	TM5 Identification List Project (25) [USPTO]
TRIPO	Trilateral Offices: JPO, KIPO, CNIPA (19) [KIPO]
UAE	United Arab Emirates (20) [KIPO]
U.S.	United States of America (2)
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office (i)
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization (iii)

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