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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