Further Development of the PCT system

Korean Intellectual Property Office
Occupation of IP5 Offices in PCT*

**IP5 as ROs**
- USPTO: 27%
- JPO: 22%
- EPO: 17%
- SIPO: 10%
- KIPO: 6%
- Others: 18%

**IP5 as ISAs**
- EPO: 38%
- USPTO: 9%
- JPO: 21%
- SIPO: 11%
- KIPO: 14%
- Others: 7%

**IP5 as IPEAs**
- EPO: 49%
- USPTO: 17%
- JPO: 17%
- KIPO: 12%
- SIPO: 3%
- Others: 12%

*source: WIPO 2013 PCT Yearly Review*
1. Introduction of mandatory top-up searches at International Preliminary Examining Authorities - for applications with demand for examination filed on or after July 1, 2014

2. Opinions of International Searching Authorities made available through PATENTSCOPE - for applications filed on or after July 1, 2014
Outstanding Issues

- Incorporation of the PPH into the PCT
- Requirements for Appointment of International Authorities
- Sharing of earlier search results
- Consistency between results in international and national phases
- Sharing information related to Search Strategies among offices and with the public
- WIPO Standard 14
- Introduction of color drawings

And many more...
1. **OBJECTIVES**
   - Reduction of search and examination workload
   - Enhancement of search and examination quality both in international and national phases
   - Increased convenience for users and the public

2. **PRIORITIZED AREAS**
   - Work sharing between International Authorities and National Offices
   - Discussion on Standards to improve accessibility to PCT documents and facilitate their utilization
   - Collaboration to enhance quality of PCT international searches and preliminary examinations
   - Cooperation to promote utilization of the PCT system by SMEs and individuals
Thank you

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