KIPO’s Prospect on Active Component

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Goal

- To prioritize tasks for implementing the Active Component of Global Dossier for the sake of increasing user convenience

Industry Input

- In September and October 2014, collected user consultation results from 30 domestic industries, including Samsung, LG, and Hanglas

KIPO's View

- Help applicants more easily manage their applications and patent portfolios
- Review feasible service models within the scope of the existing legal framework

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1. Preparation: Common form

- **Industry Input**
  - Regarding the implementation of cross-filing, some applicants propose that application forms that vary from country to country be unified into a common form for use among the IP5 Offices.
  - Therefore, the Common Application Form is a possible alternative. Otherwise, a new form based on the PCT application form used by applicants all around the world should be established.
  - Preparing a standardized application form would greatly streamline the process, since it would save applicants the trouble of filling out applications in different formats in order to meet each office’s requirements.

- **KIPO’s View**
  - Step 1: to increase the use of CAF, which was already agreed upon for use among the IP5 Offices
  - Step 2: to draw upon common bibliographic data
2. Submission: Electronic exchanges

❖ Industry Input

- For increased applicant convenience, some interviewees insist upon streamlining the submission of basic information and/or documents by automatically notifying secondary offices of the default data that has been submitted to the primary office. A similar process (in the form of priority document exchange, the EPC 141) has already been implemented among the IP5 Offices. This method should be applied to other documents that are required for cross-filing among the IP5 Offices.

❖ KIPO’s View

- To lay the groundwork for providing unpublished documents to other IPOs after getting the applicants’ consent
- Transferring unpublished documents via TRINet
- Exchanged unpublished documents are to be viewed only by relevant staff.
3. Management: Alert service

❖ Industry Input

❖ Deadline information corresponding to office actions—such as the deadline for fee payments after registration, and the deadline for trial submission—is useful in helping companies manage their IP rights more efficiently. Users would benefit from being alerted of the due date for each required legal action.

❖ KIPO’s View

- Step 1: One Portal Dossier for deadline
- Step 2: One Registration, Simultaneous Alert for deadline

1. **(Service subscription)** Applicants are required to input their email address and which patents they are interested in.

2. **(Linking to the other IPO)** Information on subscription/withdrawal is shared between the two IPOs.

3. **(Automatic notification)** Applicants are kept updated by both IPOs.
4. Usage: Text-based dossier information exchange

- **Industry Input**
  - Users want to view the IP5 Office’s dossier information via their preferred language. If a translated version is provided along with the original, users are easily able to assimilate it. In addition, it is desirable to provide the information in machine-readable format (e.g., text format) so that machine translation services can be used.

- **KIPO’s View**
  - Text-based dossier information is necessary for more efficient use of machine translation and patent information.
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