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.
Unity of Invention

* 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.

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