



2022 TM5 Midterm Meeting Communication

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The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (hereinafter referred to as the “Partners”) gathered in Washington, DC, on 28-29 April for the hybrid TM5 Midterm Meeting.

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was present at the meeting as an observer.

The main objective of the TM5 Midterm Meeting is to take stock of progress of all projects and to prepare for the Annual Meeting which will take place on 24-26 October in Brussels, Belgium.

The Partners discussed the advancement of the current collaborative projects and agreed on important deliverables.

Partners had in-depth discussions on the following 16 TM5 projects:

- Trademark Protection in Opposition and Appeal (review) Procedure (CNIPA and EUIPO)
- Trademark Archives Management and Administration (CNIPA)
- TMview (EUIPO)
- Priority Rights (EUIPO)
- User Involvement (EUIPO and JPO)
- Joint Communication Action (EUIPO and KIPO)
- Common Statistical Indicators (EUIPO)
- Risk Management (EUIPO)
- Bad Faith (JPO)
- IT Support for Trade Mark Examination (JPO)
- Combatting Infringement (KIPO)
- TM5 Website (KIPO)
- Fraudulent Solicitations (USPTO and EUIPO)
- Common Status Descriptors (USPTO)
- ID List (USPTO)
- Non-traditional Marks (USPTO)

The Partners also discussed the launch of a possible new project concerning practices relating to the temporary exchange of staff among TM5 Offices. As 2022 marks the ten-year anniversary of TM5, the Partners reflected on the achievements and the future of the cooperation mechanism.

As part of the TM5 User Involvement project, the Midterm User Session was held on 1 May at the INTA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Partners presented office updates and exchanged views on publications produced by TM5 within the framework of the Joint Communication Action project and received suggestions on possible new communication topics. Also, as part of the TM5 User Involvement project, a joint TM5-INTA workshop was held for users on recent amendments of trademark-related laws and revision of trademark examination guidelines during the INTA Annual Meeting on 2 May.