Summary of the accomplishments of the ID5
An incubator for a modern industrial design system:
2015-2020
During its first five years, the ID5 has accomplished significant achievements in furthering the interests of global innovators who create the industrial designs necessary for advanced technologies, systems, and products.

The ID5 has greatly exceeded the ambitious hopes for success set forth in the first convening at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Alexandria, Virginia, on December 3, 2015. Since then, the ID5 partner offices have worked together to harmonize global industrial design patent systems, benefiting offices, stakeholders, and the users of technology products from around the world.

Some exemplary accomplishments of the ID5 include:

- implementing a common electronic priority document exchange system,
- identifying recommended design practices,
- publishing over 15 projects and comparative studies to simplify processes for applicants around the globe, and
- creating new, increasingly popular reference manuals for applicants.

With the ID5 members processing and approving almost 90% of the world's design filings, ID5 synchronization efforts are accelerating innovation in industrial design. In support of these efforts, the ID5 will continue to work together to address the challenges of rapidly evolving technologies and to spur innovative designs that improve our lives and contribute to a safer, healthier world.
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Five-year summary of the accomplishments of the ID5 as an incubator for a modern industrial design system
All partners implemented WIPO’s Digital Access Service (DAS)—an electronic priority document exchange mechanism—for industrial design applications.

Identified and published recommended design practices.
Continued dialogue with users from the ID5 jurisdictions regarding desired update and modernization of the industrial design protection system.

ID5 office studies provided information and guidance that partners could rely upon in updating various practices related to industrial design protections.
More than 15 projects and comparative studies have been published since 2015:

1. Compilation of industrial design statistics
2. Development and maintenance of an ID5 website
3. Catalog of eligibility for industrial design protection
4. Analysis of underlying economic factors and IP office actions on how they impact global design filings
5. Study of priority document exchange by ID5 offices
6. Study of design classification conventions and practices
7. Study of uniform product indications
8. Update of the catalog of view and drawing requirements
9. Study of practices of priority right by ID5 offices
10. Study of application of a grace period for industrial design applicants
11. Study of partial designs as an effective means of protection for industrial design innovation
12. Catalog of practices on protection of new technological designs
13. 3D printing and industrial design protection
14. Study on the admissibility of internet information as legitimate disclosure for novelty examinations
15. Recommended design practices
Partners agreed to develop 13 foundational projects for advancing and modernizing the industrial design system as a result of discussions in five topical sessions (the lead office(s) for each project is in parentheses):

**Session 1: Sharing information on office practices and statistics**

- Compilation of industrial design statistics (JPO)
- Development and maintenance of an ID5 website (KIPO)
- Catalog of eligibility for industrial design protection (KIPO)
- Integration of ID5 partners into Designview (European Union IP Office—EUIPO)
- Analysis of underlying economic factors and IP office actions on how they impact global design filings (with the aim to better forecast) (EUIPO)

**Session 2: Hague Agreement on industrial designs**

- Study of priority document exchange by ID5 offices (USPTO and China National Intellectual Property Administration—CNIPA)

**Session 3: Promoting procedural frameworks for protecting industrial designs**

- Study of design classification conventions and practices (KIPO/JPO)
- Study of uniform product indications (EUIPO)
- Update of the catalog of view and drawing requirements (EUIPO)

**Session 4: Study of registration/examination practice**

- Study of practices of priority right by ID5 offices (CNIPA)
- Study of application of a grace period for industrial design applicants (USPTO/JPO)
- Study of partial designs as an effective means of protection for industrial design innovation (USPTO/JPO)

**Session 5: Protection of emerging designs**

- Catalog of practices on protection of new technological designs (USPTO/EUIPO)
An agreed statement was published that recognizes the value and the significance of industrial design and the importance of developing highly efficient and interoperable industrial design protections, and thereby establishing a new industrial design framework—the “ID5.”

The partners outlined a flexible ID5 framework that includes project-focused methodology on agreed topics to ensure successful and tangible outcomes for the benefit of users.
Annual meeting held December 1–2, 2016, in Beijing, China.
Midterm meeting held June 17, 2016, in Beijing, China

The partners agree to establish ID5 operational guidelines to help ensure the ID5 industrial design forum is able to work in an efficient and effective manner.

The Partner Offices decided to cooperate on industrial design topics including examination practices studies, IT support system, industrial design classification, quality, statistics and etc., and work together to explore possible solutions to emerging technologies and related new industrial design issues, ensuring deliverables benefiting stakeholders, Partner Offices and ID5 design systems.

To enhance openness and transparency, the Partner Offices decided to establish an ID5 cooperation website (www.id-5.org) as an effective platform for sharing ID5 information and its progress with the public.
Official launch of work on 12 foundational ID5 projects:

1. Compilation of industrial design statistics
2. Development and maintenance of an ID5 website
3. Catalog of eligibility for industrial design protection
4. Analysis of underlying economic factors and IP office actions on how they impact global design filings
5. Study of priority document exchange by ID5 offices
6. Study of design classification conventions and practices
7. Study of uniform product indications
8. Update of the catalog of view and drawing requirements
9. Study of practices of priority right by ID5 offices
10. Study of application of a grace period for industrial design applicants
11. Study of partial designs as an effective means of protection for industrial design innovation
12. Catalog of practices on protection of new technological designs
Annual meeting held December 4–5, 2017, in Alicante, Spain.
Midterm meeting held June 26, 2017, in Alicante, Spain.
Completed three of the foundational projects, with outcomes published on the ID5 website:

1. Catalogue of view and drawing requirements
2. Compilation of industrial design statistics
3. Study of design classification conventions and practices

- Continued work on the other nine foundational projects.
- Tabletop user session discussions were held that focused on emerging designs, specifically new types of designs and new types of representations and formats.
Annual meeting held November 5–6, 2018, in Seoul, Korea.
Midterm meeting held June 25, 2018, in Jeju Island, Korea.
Completed six of the foundational projects, with outcomes published on the ID5 website:

1. Development and maintenance of an ID5 website
2. Catalogue of eligibility for industrial design
3. Study of practices of priority right by ID5 offices
4. Study of practices on protection of new technological designs
5. Comparative study of partial designs as an effective means of protection for industrial design innovation
6. Comparative study of the application of a grace period for industrial design applications

Reached agreement to launch six new projects (the lead office for each project is in parentheses):

1. 3D printing and industrial design protection (KIPO)
2. Study of quality management by ID5 (CNIPA/EUIPO)
3. Study of design non-patent data resources among ID5 offices (CNIPA/JPO)
4. Study on the admissibility of internet information as legitimate disclosure for novelty examinations (JPO/CNIPA)
5. Remedies and relief for industrial design infringement (USPTO/KIPO)
6. ID5-recommended design practices (USPTO/JPO)

User session held, with discussions on topics that included:

- Design protection in new technological environment
- Brexit
- Design protection for graphical user interface
- Innovative design in the internet-of-things era
- General design protection system
Annual meeting held December 12–13, 2019, in Chiba, Japan.
Midterm meeting held June 24, 2019, in Tokyo, Japan.

• Work continued on the foundational study of priority document exchange by ID5 offices.

• User session discussions focused on “Expectations for more efficient and user-friendly industrial design protection: Where exists the need from global users?”
Three more foundational projects completed, with outcomes published on the ID5 website:

1. Study of practices of priority right by ID5 offices
2. Analysis of underlying economic factors and IP office actions and how they impact global design filings
3. Study of product indications

Projects from a second group of projects, with outcomes published on the ID5 website:

1. 3D printing and industrial design protection
2. Study on the admissibility of internet information as legitimate disclosure for novelty examinations
3. Recommended design practices
First virtual ID5 hosted by the USPTO in 2020
The Partners successfully pivoted to a new virtual platform to continue the work of the ID5.
Director Iancu’s remarks for this landmark event can be found here: http://id-five.org/2020-annual-meeting/

The Partner Offices highlight the achievement that all 5 Offices have successfully implemented WIPO DAS for the electronic exchange of priority documents.

Additionally, the Partner Offices agreed to expand initiatives related to:

- Recommended Design Practices
- Remedies and Relief for Design Infringement
- Study of design Non-Patent literature data resources among ID5 Offices
- Study of Quality Management by ID5 Offices
- Study on the Admissibility of Internet Information as Legitimate Disclosure for Novelty Examinations

The Partners also reached agreement on the launch of 5 new projects:

- Exchange on New Technology (EUIPO)
- Deferment of Publication (KIPO/USPTO)
- Joint Communication Action (EUIPO/KIPO)
- ID5 5 Year Review (USPTO)
- A Study of Term of Protection (USPTO)