

ID5 Joint Statement

Since the inauguration of the ID5 framework in 2015, the ID5 Partners have strived to enhance their understanding on commonalities and distinctions in their respective laws and practices to provide better protection for industrial designs. The ID5 Partners continue to strive for results through comparison of their diverse design protection systems and information relating to industrial design protection among the ID5 Partners.

Building upon such achievements, the ID5 Partners will continue their endeavors to protect industrial designs and enhance user convenience by identifying in-depth subjects on which the Partners can cooperate in the future.

In particular, considering changes to products and services and the new uses of industrial designs brought about by the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the Partners intend to enhance their efforts to effectively protect industrial designs, noting user interest and input.

Against this background, the ID5 Partners met on November 5, 2018, in Seoul, Republic of Korea, and reached the common recognition stated in this ID5 Joint Statement and lent their collective support to the pursuit of following objectives:

- (1) Continue cooperation among the ID5 Partners in response to the Fourth Industrial Revolution to enhance protections for new designs in new design environments brought about by emerging technologies;
- (2) Share information and experiences to provide more efficient administration and examination in the Partner design systems, particularly in light of the developments of the Fourth Industrial Revolution;
- (3) Consider diversification of communication and cooperation channels to provide better support services for users; and
- (4) Foster cooperation and synergies with WIPO to facilitate services and tools for users.

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