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The ID5 is an industrial design focused cooperation framework of the five leading IP offices of CNIPA, EUIPO, JPO, KIPO and USPTO (the “Partners”). Since the ID5 was established in 2015, the ID5 has engaged in advancing a number of cooperative activities in areas such as comparative studies on the Partners’ respective industrial design systems and operating practices. Based on this cooperation, the Partners have gained mutual understanding and strived to enhance their respective policies and practices.

For instance, the study on the protection of new technological designs has prompted the Partners to review and enhance their own industrial design systems, taking into account rapid technological advances taking place in the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Launching an electronic exchange of design priority documents through the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) is expected to increase the interconnectivity and efficiency of operating procedures between the Partners and improve user convenience when it comes to their acquiring design rights in foreign jurisdictions.

Despite the Partners protecting industrial design with distinct approaches, languages, and systems, the success of the ID5 collaboration has demonstrated the commonly shared and pervasive value and importance of industrial designs in the ID5 jurisdictions. Social recognition is also growing in terms of the importance that industrial designs play as key drivers of innovation and branding. Consequently, it is now more important than ever for users to be able to effectively acquire and protect their design rights in a global perspective.

For the sake of achieving an optimum landscape supporting users in acquiring design rights easily and efficiently in multiple jurisdictions, it is essential for the Partners to undertake endeavors to enhance interoperability among various national and regional operating practices on industrial designs. With a view to achieve more effective outcomes, prospective synergies with the design practices under the Hague system would also be taken into account.

The Partners, reaffirming their leading role to ensure robust protection for industrial designs worldwide, and their further objective to develop highly-efficient, interoperable and user-friendly systems to protect invaluable industrial designs, hereby confirm the following as important attributes of future ID5 cooperation:

- (1) Strive to establish common design practices based on the knowledge acquired through comparative studies;
- (2) Receive input from users for the purpose of improving the usability of procedures for protecting industrial designs;
- (3) Share relevant information and experiences to further enhance quality and efficiency of work at design offices;
- (4) Foster cooperation and synergies with WIPO to facilitate services and tools for users.