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Hon. Alison Brimelow, President
European Patent Office
Munich, Germany

Hon. Tetsuhiro Hosono, Commissioner
Japan Patent Office
Tokyo, Japan

Hon. David J. Kappos
Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, Virginia

10 September, 2009

Dear Trilateral Office Heads,

Organizations representing intellectual property interests of industry in the regions of the Trilateral Patent Offices agreed at their first meeting in Nice, France, in 2003, to form an "Industry Trilateral" to cooperate in developing and expressing a coordinated view of industry on intellectual property matters.

The Industry Trilateral has agreed to the attached Resolution recommending that the Trilateral offices should begin immediate implementation of the Patent Cooperation Treaty "Roadmap" that was suggested by the World Intellectual Property Organization at the Working Group Meeting in May 2009. The Roadmap is consistent with our previous Resolution of October 20, 2008 favoring high quality for International Searches and International Preliminary Examinations conducted by an International Authority.

We commend your consideration of the attached resolution.



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BUSINESSEUROPE Director General



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President of AIPLA

Attachments (1)

cc: Francis Gurry, Director General;
World Intellectual Property Organization

James Pooley, Deputy Director General – Designate, Patents
World Intellectual Property Organization

September 10, 2009

RESOLUTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY ROADMAP

Resolved, that the Industry Trilateral consisting of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, BusinessEurope, the Intellectual Property Owners Association, and the Japan Intellectual Property Association;

Having previously passed a Resolution dated October 3, 2008 recommending that each International Authority ensure that the quality of International Searches and International Preliminary Examinations it conducts is at least equal to the quality of searches and examinations conducted by such Authority for national or regional patent applications directly filed with it; and, further recommending that national and regional patent offices maximize the exploitation of such equal quality International Searches and International Examinations to avoid duplication of work and speed the processing of National applications in order to reduce and eventually eliminate the backlog of pending patent applications;

Having reviewed the "Roadmap" for the development of future PCT prepared by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (document PCT/WG/2/3, Annex I, April 3, 2009) and finding that such Roadmap provides timetables and milestones by which our recommendations can be achieved;

Further noting that other milestones identified in the Roadmap can further enhance the quality of the searching and examination of International patent applications and provide speedier processing of patent applications by national or regional patent offices while avoiding duplication of many of these activities;

Therefore recommends:

That the Trilateral Patent Offices actively work together to begin implementation of the Roadmap as soon as feasible to achieve the benefits originally intended for the Patent Cooperation Treaty.