

ID5 6th Annual Meeting

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The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) hosted the 6th ID5 Annual Meeting online via the KUDO platform on 29-30 October 2020. The USPTO commemorated the 5th anniversary of the ID5 forum.

ID5 is the multilateral cooperation forum, inaugurated in 2015, which allows the five largest design Offices, 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) to cooperate for the benefit of users in the field of design registration. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was present as an observer, as in previous ID5 Annual Meetings.

Mr Iancu, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO, opened the session and thanked all the partners for their efforts this year to quickly adapt to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. During his opening remarks, the Executive Director of the EUIPO, Mr Christian Archambeau, congratulated USPTO for hosting the meeting online. Mr Archambeau also highlighted the cooperation shown within the ID5 forum. He congratulated the forum for its 5th anniversary and highlighted all the progress made in the design cooperation area within the ID5 during the last five years.

During the meeting, the ID5 partner offices updated participants on progress in a number of cooperation projects. The EUIPO reported on the progress made in the 'Quality Management' project co-led with the CNIPA.

Five new initiatives were approved as new projects for the ID5 forum, the

'Exchange of New Technologies' by the EUIPO, 'Joint Communication Action' by the EUIPO and the KIPO, 'Deferment of Publication' by the KIPO and the USPTO, the 'ID5 5-Year Review' and 'A Study of Term of Protection' by the USPTO.

The ID5 partners also agreed that the CNIPA would be host and secretariat for the 2021 ID5 Forum.

The user session this year will be held via written exchanges through the website only due to limitations posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.