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Global Harmonization in IP Patent Law Part I

Substantive Patent Law Harmonization Update
(Focus on Grace Period)

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Substantive Patent Law Harmonization Key Latest Steps

May 2012



May 10, 2012
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- AAI Adoption (2011)
- Japanese Patent Law Modification (May, 2011)
- Tegernsee Process started (July, 2011)
- Korean Patent Law modification (March , 2012)



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- Tegernsee Fact-finding Strategies completed (end 2012)
- Tegernsee User Consultation completed (Jan-March 2013)
- Users Hearing at EPO held (February 21, 2013)



Tegernsee User Consultation Results Grace Period

	Respondents		Principle	Duration	Mandatory Declaration
EPO	69	Industry, Associations	51.8% in favor	6 months	Yes
DE	39	Industry, Associations	61.5% opposed	6 months	Yes
UK	10	Industry, Associations, Universities	Majority in favor	12 months	Yes
FR	10	Industry	Majority in favor	6 months	Mixed Yes/No



Thank you

