

# *IP5 Industry Feedback on Global Assignment*

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# Feedback on Common Form

## ❑ Global Assignment has been a top priority for Industry for years

- **Value of Global Assignment:** Filing assignments in one place and pushing them out to other Offices eases the burdens of cost, time and procedure.

## ❑ Progress Acknowledgement: Industry appreciates the IP5 Offices' progress in sharing of the Common Form of Global Assignment

- **Harmonization needs:** Requirements in the Common Form are intertwined with business requirements that need harmonization.
- **Discrepancy noted:** Discrepancies in business requirements are addressed by additional sections (EPO, JPO, KIPO, CNIPA, USPTO).

## ❑ Industry's key interest is to move this project forward.

- **Prioritization suggestion:** Consider prioritizing centralization aspects of this project
  - Filing through a single platform and pushing out to local Offices
  - Launch of a feasibility study for such a single platform
  - Common cover forms, with addenda as necessary

# Feedback on Business Requirements

## ❑ The term 'business requirements' should be specified and clarified

- Our understanding is that the Office's business requirements include some of the following: (1) **optionality**, (2) **centralized repository and system** which allows single filing in one system to be effective across jurisdictions, (3) **local representative**, (4) **fee impact**, (5) **use of different languages**, (6) **electronic submission**, and (7) **Common Forms**.

## ❑ Industry's views on each requirement

- (1) **Optionality**: The consensus is that it should be optional.
- (2) **Centralized system**: The consensus is that it should allow for one filing with multiple effects
- (3) **Local representative**: Majority opinion is that a local representative should not be required. However, the priority should be the centralization aspects of this project, recognizing that there may be differences in local practice

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- (4) **Fee impact**: Industry recognizes that the system would not alter fees for now. Nevertheless, we hope the system will lead to eventual fee reduction.
- (5) **Different language accommodation**: Our suggestion is that the Assignment Contract in the Common Form be written in each language side by side, and machine translation for content of the Common Forms should be available subject to user confirmation. We think that many data for identifying conveying/receiving parties can be replaced by Global ID or unique ID.
- (6) **Electronic submission**: The consensus view is that it should be submitted electronically, given that the Global Assignment route is optional.
- (7) **Common Forms**: Our consensus view is that the current form is acceptable in order to move forward. However, we hope that the system will lead to Common & Single Forms without additional sections and different required documents.

# Feedback on Centralized IT System

- ❑ **As a next step, Industry kindly asks IP5 Offices to authorize WIPO to conduct the feasibility study for Global Assignment**

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