

Japan's intervention at 62th WIPO Assemblies (Oct 4<sup>th</sup>-Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

Agenda item 21 : PCT System

Appointment of the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT PCT/A/53/1

Thank you Madam Chair.

I thank DDG Jorgenson for her presentation and the International Bureau for preparing the document PCT/A/53/1.

The delegation of Japan supports the appointment of the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) as an ISA and IPEA under the PCT.

We heartily welcome any efforts that the EAPO is able to make in terms of enhancing the PCT system, which is an important instrument for all innovators who seek patent protection internationally.

We believe that EAPO, as an ISA and IPEA, will deliver significant benefits to a large number of applicants who are domiciled in the region by increasing their options for ISAs and IPEAs in filing PCT international applications.

It is our sincere hope that EAPO will play an important role in the development of the PCT system.

I thank you Madam Chair.