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- Thank you Mr Chair, we would like to extend our thanks to the Secretariat for their work and to the Member States that provided additional information in preparation of this document.
- We continue to be encouraged by the many programs and platforms listed that have been developed by a number of Member States to facilitate the transfer of technology through voluntary licensing of intellectual property rights.
- The USPTO has recently unveiled a web-based intellectual property marketplace platform, the Patents 4 Partnerships, or P4P in short, to provide the public with a user-friendly, searchable repository of US patents and published US patent applications very broadly related to the COVID-19 pandemic, that are available for voluntary licensing.
- The new platform will facilitate the licensing and commercialization of innovations in a variety of key technologies, initially focused on addressing the pandemic, and will help disseminate valuable patent information.
- With the urgent challenges of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, Patents 4 Partnerships may help bring to marketplace new products and technologies for the prevention, treatment, and diagnosis of COVID-19, as well as other technologies designed to mitigate the effects of the pandemic. In the future, the platform may be expanded to include other technologies.
- As stated by USPTO Director Andrei Iancu, “Patents 4 Partnerships is a meeting place that enables patent owners who want to license their IP rights to connect with the individuals and businesses who can turn those rights into solutions for our health and wellbeing,”. “With an initial focus on COVID-19, the platform shows how innovation can contribute to the nation’s response to this critical health emergency.”
- Patents 4 Partnerships allows users to search and sort information in a variety of easy-to-use ways, including by keyword, inventor name, assignee and issue date. Its contents have been drawn from a variety of sources that include the US Federal Laboratories, Universities, industry and individual inventors.
- P4P can be accessed by anyone through the USPTO website, in the “USPTO COVID 19 RESPONSE RESOURCE CENTER”, under “Patent and licensing resources”
- Thank you.