



# ■ Latest Updates of WIPO

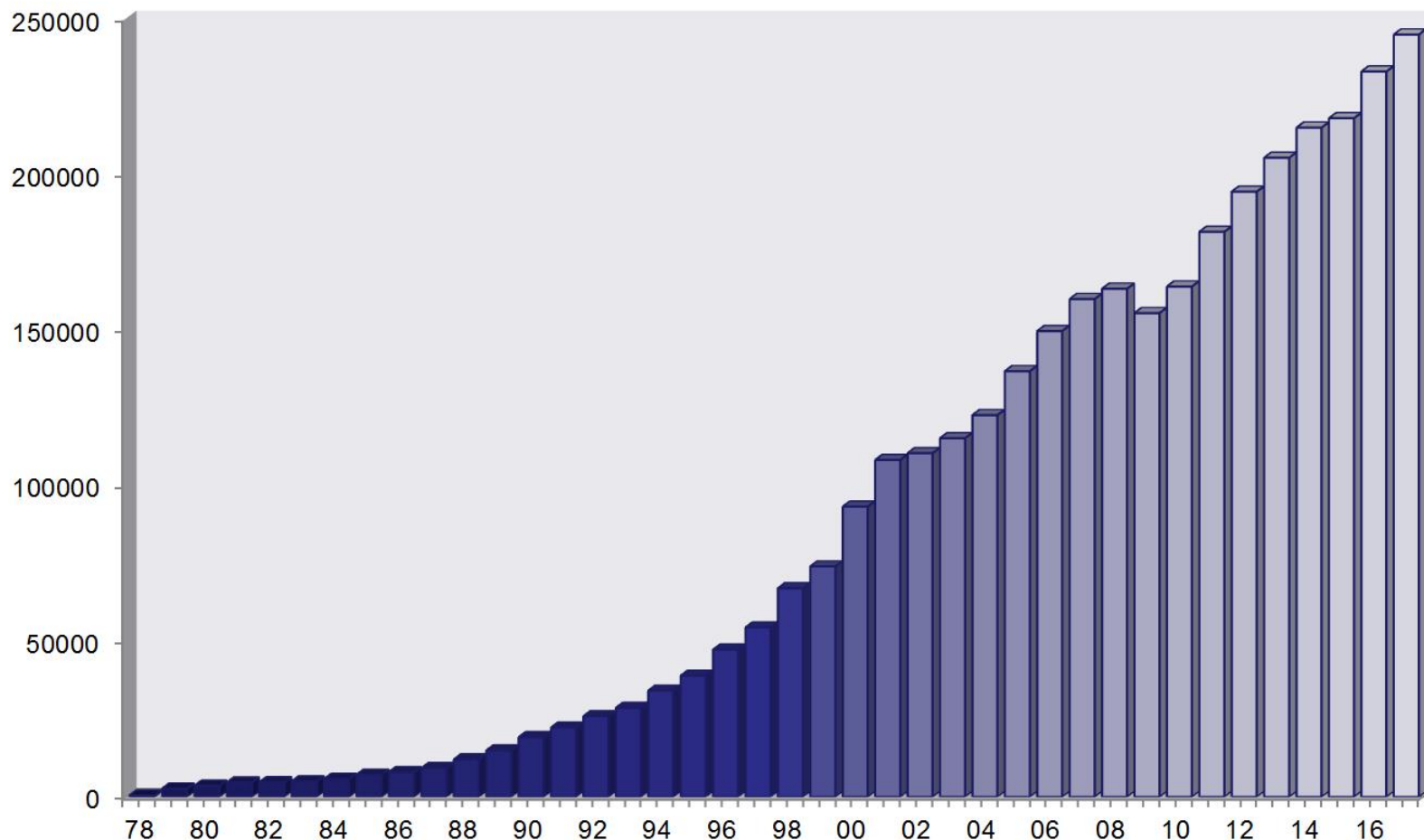
Meeting of Trilateral Heads of Office with Trilateral Industry

**Hakone, Japan**  
**March 1, 2018**

Mr. John Sandage  
Deputy Director General  
Patents and Technology Sector  
World Intellectual Property Organization

# PCT Applications

2017: to be finalized soon



**Final figures for 2017 will be released mid-March.**

**152 Contracting States**

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The International  
Patent System

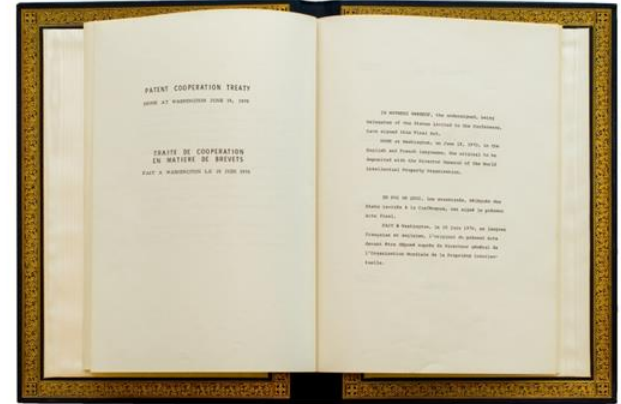
# PCT Operations at a Glance

- Since 2008, applications increased from 160,000 to 244,500 – 51.3% growth overall (over 5% in 2017)
- Fully Electronic Filings – now 95%
- PCT Staffing
  - Since 2008 – FTEs reduced from 356 to 282 – 74 posts suppressed, 21% reduction
  - But – productivity increased by 89% since 2008 overall, and 12.1% in 2017
- Quality in the IB
  - Overall output quality increased from 81% to 97.1% since 2007
- No fee increase in 8 years!
  - Effective filing fee is only a third what it was in 1992

# Milestones in 2017-2018

## ■ 40 Years of the PCT

- 40th anniversary of the entry into force (since January 24, 1978)



## ■ New International Authority

- Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (23rd)

## ■ Extension of the appointment of all existing PCT Authorities (10-year period until December 31, 2027)

# PCT Working Group and SCP

## ■ PCT/WG (June 18-22, 2018, Geneva)

- Review of PCT Roadmap recommendations
  - directions of ongoing work still appropriate?
- Fee reductions for Universities (BR proposal)
  - workshop at the outset of the session
- Reports on IT environment
  - focus on better means of cooperation among Offices
- Minor proposals for Rule changes (“housekeeping”)
  - aiming for period of stability and consolidation

## ■ SCP (July 9-12, 2018, Geneva)