Outline

I.   Background of Work-sharing

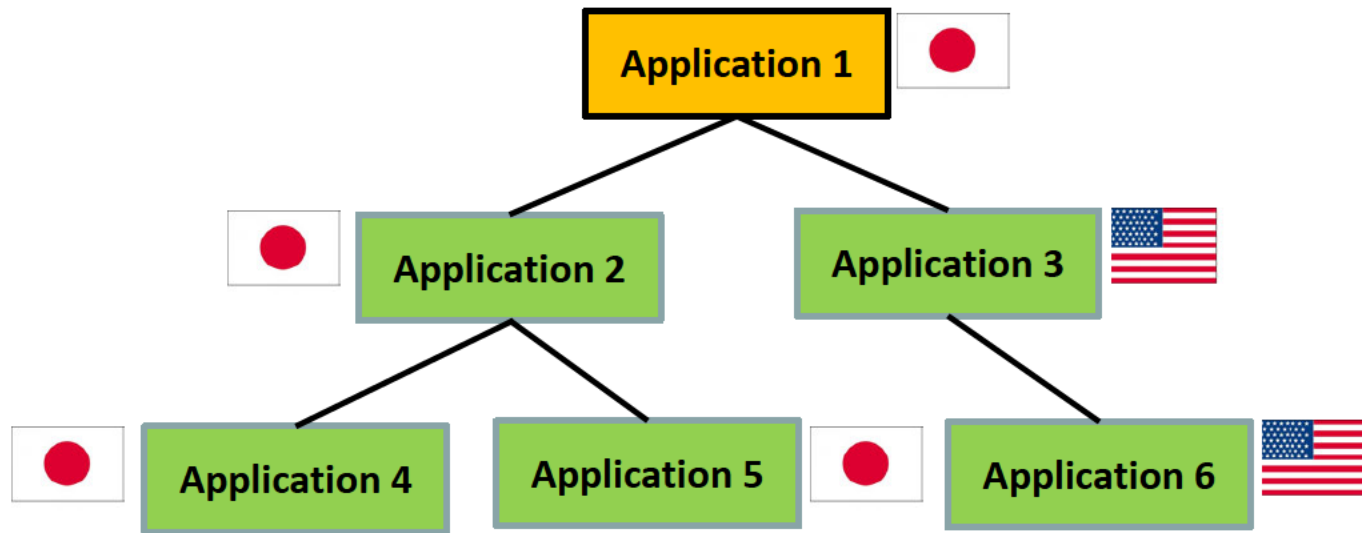**II. Patent Family**

III. Retrieving and Utilizing External PO Results

VI. Interpreting and Utilizing ISRs, WOISAs, and IPERs

II. Patent Family

A. What's Patent Family?

When a Patent application is filed in two or more countries based on the Paris Convention for Protection of Industrial Property, these patent applications form a "patent family."
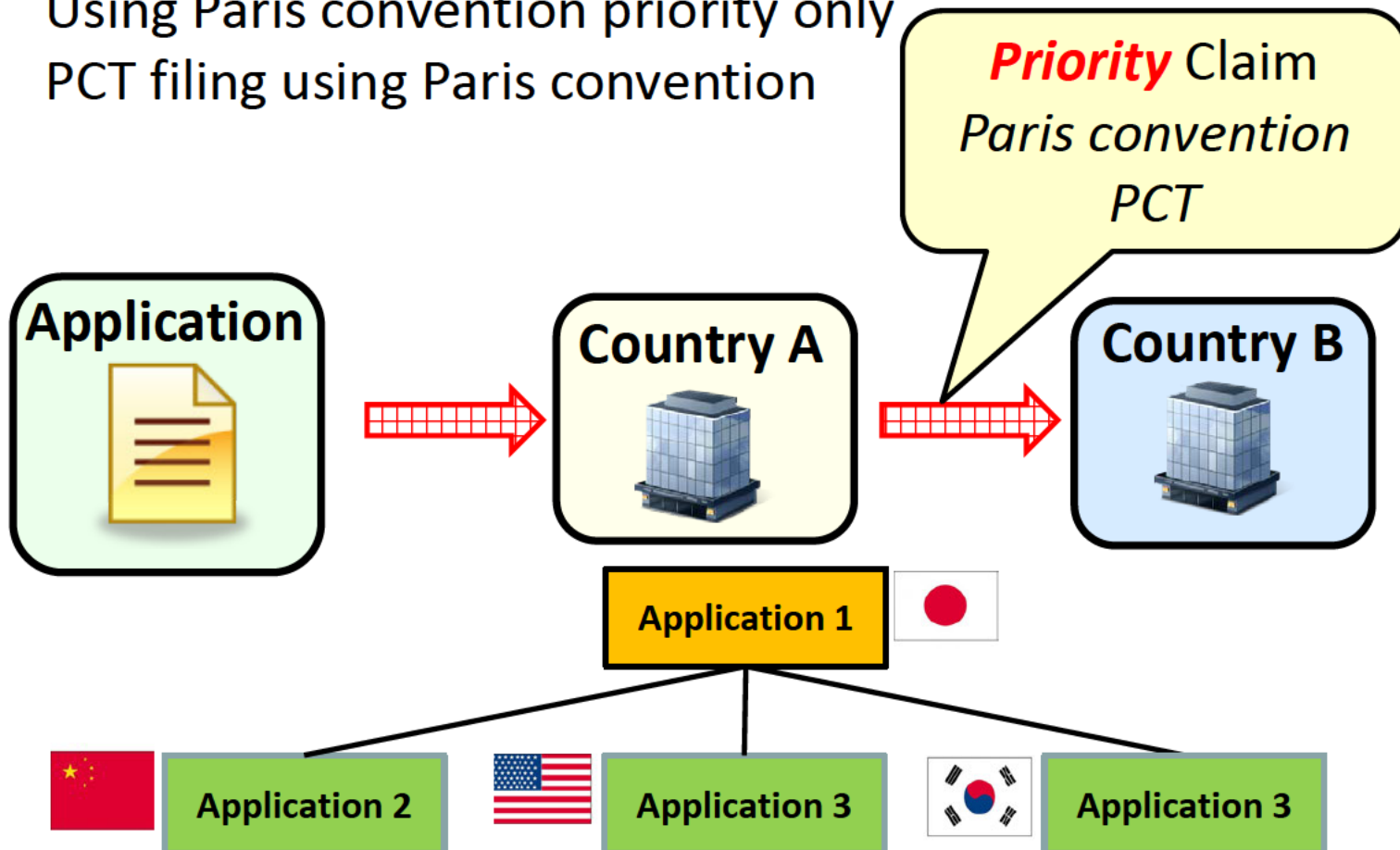
Example of patent family tree

II. Patent Family

B. Two types of patent family -1/2

1. International patent family

a first application is filed abroad:

Using Paris convention priority only
PCT filing using Paris convention

Priority Claim
Paris convention
PCT

Application

Country A

Country B

Application 1

Application 2

Application 3

Application 3

B. Types of patent family -2/2

2. Domestic family (internal priority, divisional application)