

# The Process of Establishing the Good Faith Negotiation Guidelines

- July 26, 2021  
METI released “Study Group on Licensing Environment of Standard Essential Patents Interim Report.”
- November 2021 to January 2022  
METI’s Competition Enhancement Office and Intellectual Property Policy Office (hereinafter referred to as “the METI offices”) asked a total of 16 stakeholders (half of them are domestic and the other half are foreign), mostly companies, to investigate their opinions on their actions at each step of SEP licensing negotiations, as such information may contribute to establishing the Guidelines.
- December 15, 2021  
The Study Group had the 6th meeting. Interviews with foreign companies (Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson and Apple Inc.) were conducted.
- January 19 to March 8, 2022  
The METI offices asked opinions on actions at each step of SEP licensing negotiations on METI’s website.
- February 14, 2022  
The Study Group had the 7th meeting. The METI offices presented several proposals on actions to be taken at each step of SEP licensing negotiations, based on the results of asking the above-mentioned stakeholders for their opinions, and they also presented a skeleton of the Good Faith Negotiation Guidelines. The Study Group discussed good faith negotiations with reference to the proposals and the skeleton.
- March 18, 2022  
The Study Group had the 8th meeting. The METI offices presented the drafts of the Good Faith Negotiation Guidelines and the Study Group’s report, considering opinions in the 7th meeting. The Study Group discussed the descriptions of these documents.