

Second International Affairs Committee

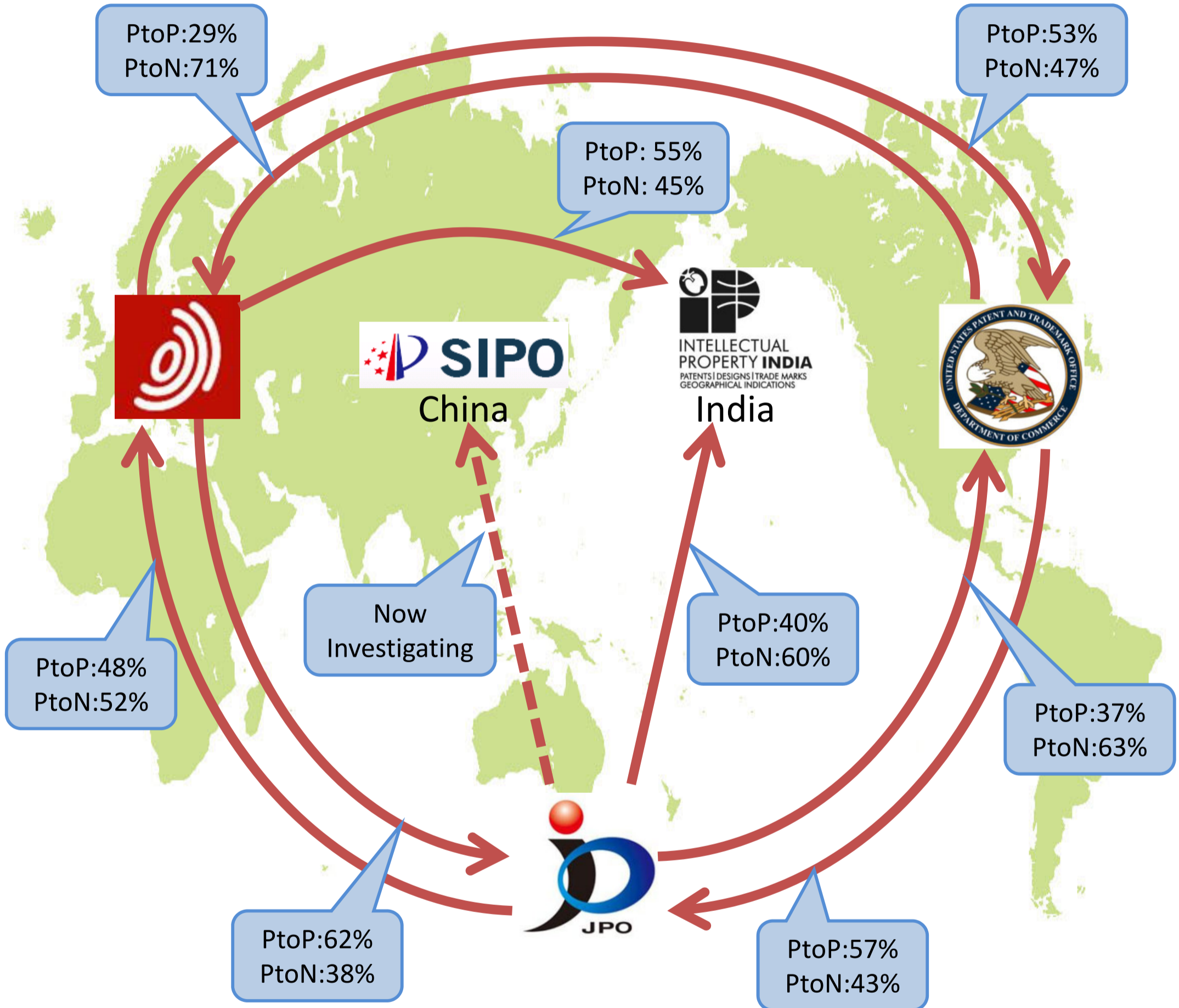
1. Reusability of the Written Opinion of ISA

How accurately can users predict patentability in the National Phase?

PtoP: Positive(ISR)[✕] to Positive (1st OA in N.P.)

PtoN: Positive(ISR) to Negative (1st OA in N.P.)

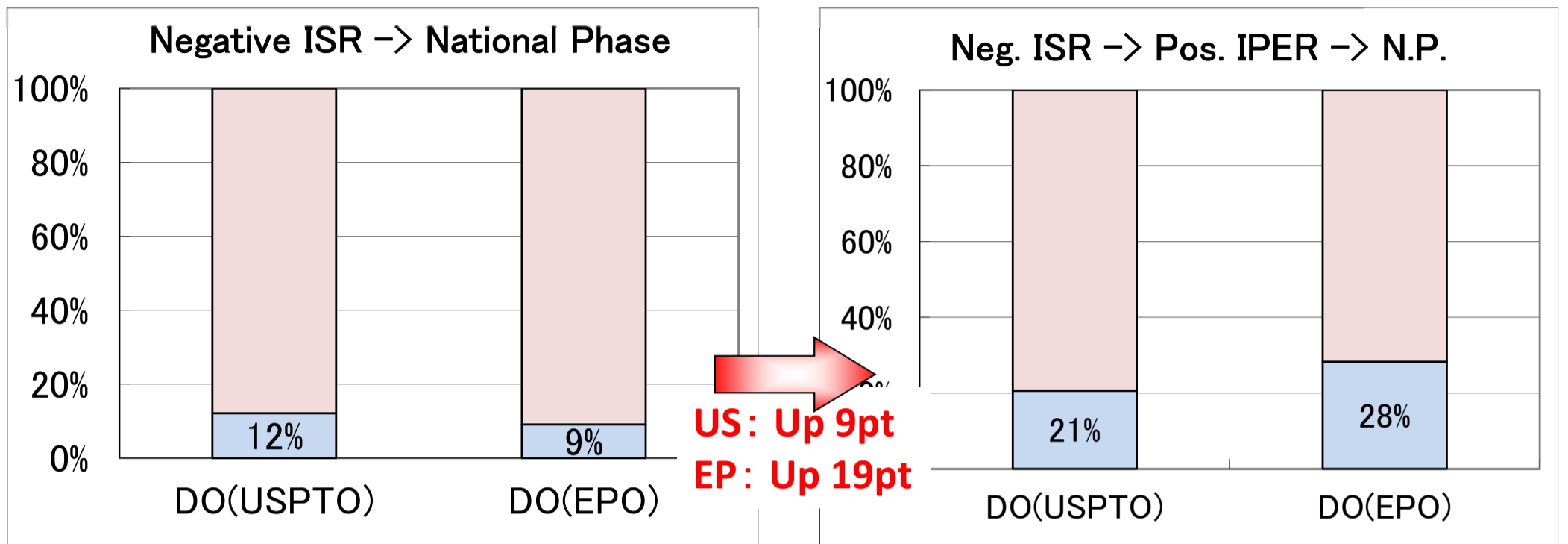
✕Positive = Positive outcome of patentability



- ✓ The reliability of positive ISRs is not so high.
- ✓ JIPA is working on the improvement in usefulness/effectiveness of ISRs/IPERs with the WIPO/Offices/Associations of various countries.

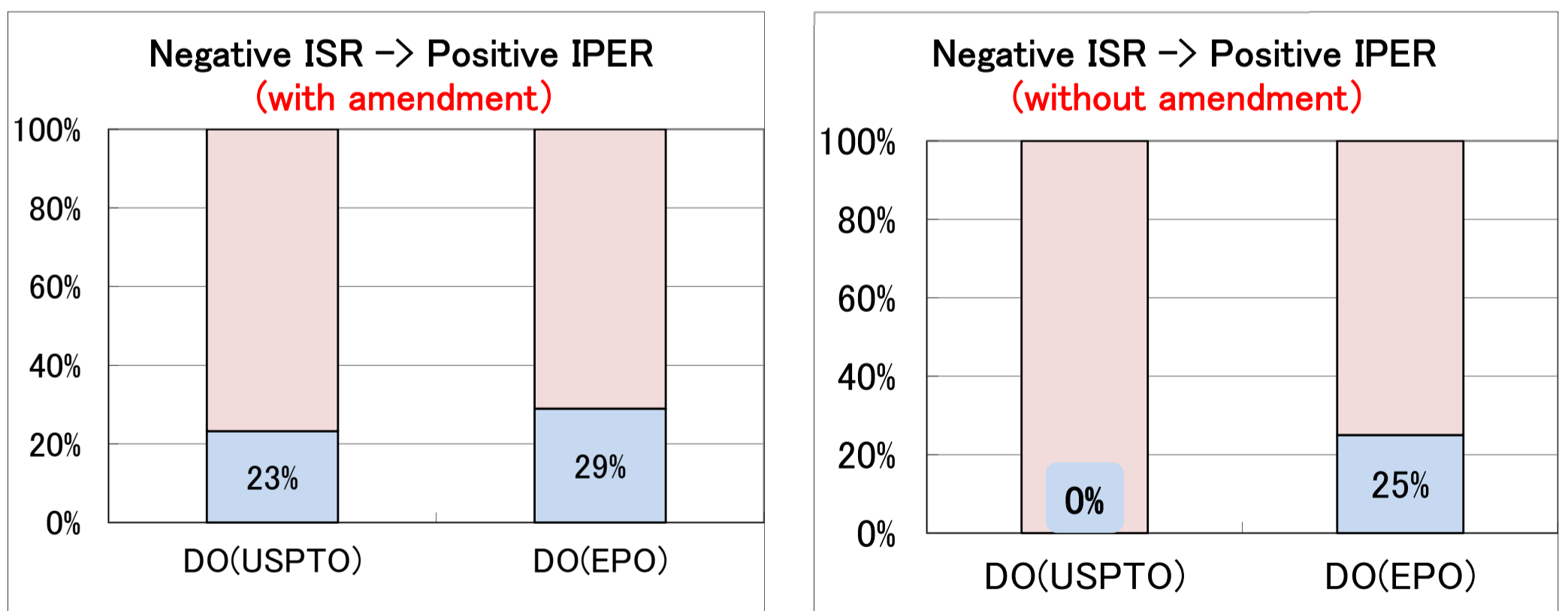
2. Effectiveness of the International Phase procedures

(1) Effectiveness of International Preliminary Examination



- ✓ Increasing the possibility of receiving a positive opinion.
- ✓ Opinions vary:
 - Only slightly effective ⇔ ● Effective for cost/speed

(2) Effectiveness of amendments in International Phase



- ✓ Increasing the possibility of keeping a positive opinion.
- ✓ Amendment in international phase seems to be preferable if making it satisfactory is possible.