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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant
TELESYSTEMS Co., Ltd

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

Name and mailing address of the ISA/JP	Date of completion of this opinion	Authorized officer
Facsimile No.		Telephone No.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - the international application in the language in which it was filed
 - a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).
2. This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43*bis*.1(a))
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of a sequence listing filed or furnished:
 - a. (means)
 - on paper
 - in electronic form
 - b. (time)
 - in the international application as filed
 - together with the international application in electronic form
 - subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search
4. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
5. Additional comments:

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Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

1. In response to the invitation (Form PCT/ISA/206) to pay additional fees the applicant has, within the applicable time limit:
- paid additional fees
 - paid additional fees under protest and, where applicable, the protest fee
 - paid additional fees under protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid
 - not paid additional fees
2. This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose not to invite the applicant to pay additional fees.
3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rule 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is
- complied with
 - not complied with for the following reasons:

[See supplemental box]

4. Consequently, this opinion has been established in respect of the following parts of the international application:

all parts

the parts relating to claims Nos. _____

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2. Citations and explanations:	<p>Claims 1-21</p> <p>None of the documents cited in the ISR discloses or suggests the following configuration set forth in the abovementioned claims. Therefore, the invention as in the abovementioned claims is novel and involves an inventive step.</p> <p>* The feature of providing a first calculation means for calculating distance information between a radiation source and a detector and height information for the aforementioned radiation source with respect to the aforementioned detector, on the basis of previously known marker position information and the position information for the aforementioned marker obtained from an image, and a second calculation means for calculating parameters that define positional relationships between the aforementioned radiation source, the aforementioned detector, and the tomographic plane in the imaging space, incorporating the amount of change in the position of a line, on the basis of the calculation results of the aforementioned first calculation means and data (claims 1-20).</p> <p>* The feature of providing a plurality of columns</p>																								

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Box No. V

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respectively erected on the reference plane track generated by projecting the reference tomographic plane toward the base as a tomographic plane, and another track that is distanced from this reference plane track and follows that reference plane track (claim 21).

Box No. VIII **Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 1

Claim 1 recites a movement means for moving any of the radiation source and the detector, "the radiation source," or the aforementioned target, and recites using the aforementioned movement means to move the aforementioned radiation source and the aforementioned detector, "the detector," or the aforementioned target, but since these two recitations do not match, it is unclear if the movement means moves the radiation source or moves the detector.

Thus, the recitation of claim 1 lacks clearness within the meaning of PCT Article 6, second sentence.

Claim 2

Claim 2 recites "the aforementioned second calculation means," but since there is no recitation concerning a "second calculation means" in the portion prior to the recitation of claim 2, what is meant by "the aforementioned second calculation means" is unclear.

Thus, the recitation of claim 2 lacks clearness within the meaning of PCT Article 6, second sentence.

Claim 3

Claim 3 recites "the aforementioned calibration data" and "the aforementioned storage means," but since there is no recitation concerning "calibration data" or "a storage means" and the portion prior to the recitation of claim 3, what is meant by "the aforementioned calibration data" and "the aforementioned storage means" is unclear.

Thus, the recitation of claim 3 lacks clearness within the meaning of PCT Article 6, second sentence.

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Box No. VIII **Certain observations on the international application**

Claim 12

Claim 12 recites "the aforementioned position," but what position is meant is unclear.

Thus, the recitation of claim 12 lacks clearness within the meaning of PCT Article 6, second sentence.

Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of: IV. 3

The matter common among the inventions in claims 1-21 is a "phantom having a marker." However, this common matter cannot be a special technical feature, since the common matter is disclosed in document JP 2007-136163 A (Axion Japan Co., Ltd.), 07 June 2007 cited in the ISR, and thus makes no contribution over the prior art. Therefore, this common matter is not a "special technical feature" in the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence.

Thus, if limited to a comparison of claims 1-20 (the main invention) and the abovementioned prior art, the technical feature of the main invention is "provided with a first calculation means for calculating distance information between a radiation source and a detector and height information for the aforementioned radiation source with respect to the aforementioned detector, on the basis of previously known marker position information and position information for the aforementioned marker obtained from an image, and a second calculation means for calculating parameters that define positional relationships between the aforementioned radiation source, the aforementioned detector, and the tomographic plane in the imaging space, incorporating the amount of change in the position of a line, on the basis of the calculation results of the aforementioned first calculation means and data."

Also, if limited to a comparison of claim 21 (the second invention) and the abovementioned prior art, the technical feature of the second invention is "provided with a plurality of columns respectively erected on the reference plane track generated by projecting the reference tomographic plane toward the base as a tomographic plane, and another track that is

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distanced from this reference plane track and follows said reference plane track."

There is no technical relationship involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features between the main invention and the second invention.

Therefore, this international application includes two inventions that do not satisfy the requirement of unity of invention.