

## 3 major U.S. firms back India's patent regime

**NEW DELHI:** Three major U.S. companies — Boeing, Abbott and Honeywell — have come in support of India's IPR regime, which has come under attack by American pharma sector for alleged violations of global norms.

Aviation major Boeing has said India has a strong legal framework to protect such rights. Pharma company Ab-

bott has stated that it is "not currently facing any significant challenges with respect to intellectual property protection in India".

In its remarks submitted to the U.S. Trade Commission, Boeing has said: "In Boeing's experience, India has a legal framework that is adequate to protect IP with no known cases of IP violation involving

Boeing's activities in the defence and aerospace sector." Similarly, Honeywell International has said that an acceptable IPR legal framework exists in India.

"...India's IPR framework was one of the key enablers in the establishment of Honeywell's engineering and technology presence," it has said.

Abbott, too, has said that

India is an investment priority and fundamentally important to the future of the company. These statements assume significance on the backdrop of U.S. industry, particularly the pharmaceuticals sector, and trade lobbies putting pressure on their government to place India under the Priority Foreign Country list for IPR. — PTI

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