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How does the limitation of examination to 10 claims square with the USPTO obligations as an ISA & IPEA under the PCT?

If an IPER prepared by the USPTO substantively treats in excess of 10 claims does it make sense to restrict further examination of the same application and the same claims when the application enters national stage in the US?

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