

# Decision of the Administrative Council of 5 March 1997 amending the Regulation on the establishment of an institute of professional representatives before the European Patent Office

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION,

Having regard to the European Patent Convention, and in particular Article 134, paragraph 8 (b) thereof,

Having regard to the Regulation on the establishment of an institute of professional representatives before the European Patent Office of 21 October 1977, and in particular Article 14 thereof,

On a proposal from the Council of the Institute of professional representatives before the European Patent Office,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

## **Article 1**

1. Article 7(1) shall be amended to read as follows:

"(1) The members of the Institute shall elect a Council from among their number. Representatives and substitutes shall be elected in equal numbers. Elections shall take place every three years."

2. Article 7(3) shall be amended to read as follows:

"(3) The number of representatives to be elected in each constituency shall be determined by reference to the number of electors in accordance with the following table:

<i>Number of electors in constituency</i>	<i>Number of representatives to be elected</i>
up to 25	2
26 to 500	4
over 500	6"

## **Article 2**

Article 15 shall be amended to read as follows:

"In each constituency created after the beginning of a term of office of the Council, representatives shall be appointed to the Council by the President of the European Patent Office acting on a proposal by the professional associations considered to be representative by the head of the central industrial property office of the Contracting State concerned. Their term

of office shall expire at the same time as that of the Council to which they have been appointed."

**Article 3 \***

This decision shall enter into force on 5 March 1997

Done at Munich, 5 March 1997

For the Administrative Council  
The Chairman

*Sean FITZPATRICK*

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\* The first application of this decision is to the election of the Council of the Institute of professional representatives before the European Patent Office which takes place after entry into force of this decision.