

Decision of the administrative council of 30 October 2003 concerning the operation of the Board of the Administrative Council CA/D 10/03

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION,

Having regard to Article 28 of the European Patent Convention,

Having regard to Article 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Council (CA/D 2/02),

Having regard to the decision of the Administrative Council dated 5 June 2003 setting up a Board of the Administrative Council (CA/D 4/03), HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Details of the Board's function are hereby laid down as follows:

The Board shall assist the Chairman of the Administrative Council in preparing and ensuring the continuity of the work of the Council, and in particular in:

- preparing the Council's work programme
- general co-ordination of the work of the Council and its bodies, on the basis of the work programme
- facilitating cohesion and consensus within the European Patent Organisation.

The Chairman shall report regularly to the Council on the Board's activities.

Article 2

Details of the Board's working arrangements are hereby laid down as follows:

The Board shall meet on the initiative of the Council Chairman or of at least two of its members. The Council Chairman shall decide the frequency and venues of the meetings in the light of the tasks in hand and the aim of ensuring the continuity of the work of the Council and its bodies.

The Board may request or produce such documents as it considers useful for its work.

In the interests of efficiency, the Board may dispense with simultaneous interpreting and the translation of documents, using the Organisation's three official languages in parallel in its work.

The Board shall be assisted by the Council secretary and secretariat.

Article 3

This decision shall enter into force on 30 October 2003.

Done at Munich, 30 October 2003

For the Administrative Council
The Deputy Chairman

Mogens KRING