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RULE 9(4) AND (6)

Proposal by the Delegation of Switzerland

The Delegation of Switzerland suggests modifications in Rule 9(4) and (6) as follows:

Rule 9

Details Concerning the Signature Under Article 8(4)

[...]

(4) [*Signature of Communications Filed in Electronic Form or by Electronic Means Resulting in Graphic Representation*] Where a Contracting Party permits the filing of communications in electronic form or by electronic means, other than the communications referred to in Rules 7 and 15 to 17, it shall consider such a communication signed if a graphic representation of a signature accepted by that Contracting Party under paragraph (3) appears on that communication as received by the Office of that Contracting Party.

[...]

(6) [*Exception to Certification of Signature Under Article 8(4)(b)*] A Contracting Party may require that any signature referred to in paragraph (5) or any signature referred to in Rules 7 and 15 to 17 be confirmed by a process for certifying signatures in electronic form specified by that Contracting Party.

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