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## DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE PATENT LAW TREATY

**Geneva, May 11 to June 2, 2000**

ARTICLE 5(1) AND RULE 21

*Suggestion by the President of Main Committee I*

The following suggestion is made by the President of Main Committee I:

*Article 5*

*Filing Date*

(1) [*Elements of Application*] (a) Except as otherwise prescribed in the Regulations, and subject to paragraphs (2) to (8), a Contracting Party shall provide that the filing date of an application shall be the date on which its Office has received all of the following elements, filed, at the option of the applicant, on paper or as otherwise permitted by the Office for the purpose of according a filing date:

(i) an express or implicit indication to the effect that the elements are intended to be an application;

(ii) indications allowing the identity of the applicant to be established or allowing the applicant to be contacted by the Office;

(iii) a part which on the face of it appears to be a description.

(b) A Contracting Party may, for the purposes of the filing date, accept an implicit indication as the indication referred to in subparagraph (a)(ii).

(c) A Contracting Party may, for the purposes of the filing date, accept a drawing as the element referred to in subparagraph (a)(iii).

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*Rule 21*

*Requirement of Unanimity for Amending Certain Rules Under Article 14(3)*

Amendment of the following Rules shall require unanimity:

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(*ibis*) any Rules established under Article 5(1);

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