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RULES 4 AND 8

Proposal by the Delegation of the United States of America

The Delegation of the United States of America made the following proposal concerning Rules 4 and 8:

Rule 4

Availability of Earlier Application Under Article 6(5) and Rule 2(4) or of Previously Filed Application Under Rule 2(5)(b)

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“(4)(b) Where the application as filed is an exact copy of an earlier application upon which priority is claimed, and is not in a language accepted by the Office, no Contracting Party shall require a translation of the priority document where a translation of the application has been provided in accordance with Article 6(5).”

Rule 8

Filing of Communications Under Article 8(1)

“(1) [*Communications Filed on Paper*] (a) During a period of ~~10~~5 years from the date of the entry into force of the Treaty, the Office of a Contracting Party shall permit the filing of communications on paper. After that period has expired, any Contracting Party may, subject to Articles 5(1) and 8(1)(d), exclude the filing of communications on paper or continue to permit the filing of communications on paper.”

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