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Proposal by the European Patent Office

As to proposed Rule 4.17(a) to (c) it is difficult to see any justification for the standardized wording of the declarations which applicants may make in the request not appearing in the Administrative Instructions, as for proposed Rules 4.18 and 4.19.

For example in the case of Rule 89*bis* the same approach was followed (i.e. electronic filing etc. in accordance with the Administrative Instructions) for good reasons which also apply to the present Rule.

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