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

Geneva, May 11 to June 2, 2000

### ARTICLE 5(1)(c)

*Proposal by the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)*

1. The Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) considers that there should be an item in paragraph (1) of Article 5 that allows payment of the prescribed fees to be required for the purpose of the setting of the filing date. While that option is contemplated in Article 6(4), Article 6(8)(a) provides that failure to comply with the requirement to pay would not result in loss of the filing date.

In view of the foregoing, GRULAC proposes the addition of the following provision as subparagraph (c) to paragraph (1) of Article (5):

“(c) A Contracting Party may require proof of payment of the prescribed fees for the purposes of the filing date.”

2. In addition GRULAC proposes the following drafting amendment to item (ii) of Article 5(1)(a), which amounts to substituting “and” for “or” so that the item reads thus:

“indications allowing the identity of the applicant to be established and allowing the applicant to be contracted by the Office;”.

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