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AGREED STATEMENT BY THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE CONCERNING
ARTICLE 1 (ABBREVIATED EXPRESSIONS)

Proposal by the Delegation of Switzerland

The Delegation of Switzerland proposes the following statement concerning Article 1:

On the adoption of Article 1 by the Diplomatic Conference, it was understood that the term “Office” in Article 1(i) of this Treaty did not cover the tribunals responsible under national legislation for hearing civil, criminal or administrative actions on matters governed by patent law, in particular the judicial bodies in charge of appeals. It was further understood that the words “procedure before the Office” in Article 1(xiv) did not cover procedures before such tribunals.

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