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RULE 12(5)

Proposal by the Delegation of Israel

The following modification concerning the inclusion of new Rule 12(5)(viii) is proposed by the Delegation of Israel:

“(viii) relief in respect of a time limit for an action in a procedure before the Office concerning the prosecution of an application after the applicant has been notified by the Office that the prosecution of another application of a different applicant is being suspended until the completion of the procedure.”

Explanation: In a State where an application is only published after the completion of the examination, any delay in publication may delay the examination of a further application against which the first-mentioned application could be cited.

Where the Office has notified an applicant of such a situation, the applicant should not be granted relief against the interest of the applicant of the second application.

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