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ARTICLE 19(2)

Proposal by the Delegation of Portugal on behalf of
the Member States of the European Union

The Delegation of Portugal on behalf of the Member States of the European Union proposes the following text to replace the present text of Article 19(2) as follows:

“(2) Any intergovernmental organization may become party to this Treaty if at least one member State of that intergovernmental organization is a party to the Paris Convention or a member of the organization, and the intergovernmental organization declares that:

(i) it is competent to grant patents with effect for its member States; or

(ii) it is competent in respect of, and has its own legislation binding on all its member States concerning, matters covered by this Treaty.”

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