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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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