

(4) The Administrative Council shall be competent to authorise the President of the European Patent Office to negotiate and, with its approval, to conclude agreements on behalf of the European Patent Organisation with States, with inter-governmental organisations and with documentation centres set up by virtue of agreements with such organisation.

Article 34

Voting rights

(1) The right to vote in the Administrative Council shall be restricted to the Contracting States.

(2) Each Contracting State shall have one vote, subject to the application of the provisions of Article 36.

Article 35

Voting rules

(1) The Administrative Council shall take its decisions other than those referred to in paragraph 2 by a simple majority of the Contracting States represented and voting.

(2) A majority of three-quarters of the votes of the Contracting States represented and voting shall be required for the decisions which the Administrative Council is empowered to take under Article 7, Article 11, paragraph 1, Article 33, Article 39, paragraph 1, Article 40, paragraphs 2 and 4, Article 46, Article 87, Article 95, Article 134, Article 151, paragraph 3, Article 154, paragraph 2, Article 155, paragraph 2, Article 156, Article 157, paragraphs 2 to 4, Article 160, paragraph 1, second sentence, Article 162, Article 163, Article 166, Article 167 and Article 172.

(3) Abstentions shall not be considered as votes.

Article 36

Weighting of votes

(1) In respect of the adoption or amendment of the Rules relating to Fees and, if the financial contribution to be made by the

4) Administrationsrådet har kompetence til at bemyndige præsidenten for Den europæiske Patentmyndighed til at føre forhandlinger om og med forbehold af Administrationsrådets godkendelse afslutte overenskomster på Den europæiske Patentorganisations vegne med stater og mellemstatslige organisationer såvel som med dokumentationscentre, oprettet på grundlag af overenskomster med sådanne organisationer.

Artikel 34

Stemmeret

1) Kun de kontraherende stater har stemmeret i Administrationsrådet.

2) Hver kontraherende stat har én stemme, dog med forbehold af anvendelsen af artikel 36.

Artikel 35

Afstemninger

1) Med forbehold af stk. 2 træffer Administrationsrådet sine beslutninger ved simpelt flertal blandt de kontraherende stater, der er repræsenteret og deltager i afstemningen.

2) Til de beslutninger, som Administrationsrådet er kompetent til at træffe ifølge artikel 7, 11, stk. 1, 33, 39, stk. 1, 40, stk. 2 og 4, 46, 87, 95, 134, 151, stk. 3, 154, stk. 2, 155, stk. 2, 156, 157, stk. 2-4, 160, stk. 1, 2. pkt., 162, 163, 166, 167 og 172, kræves et flertal på tre fjerdedele af de kontraherende stater, der er repræsenteret og deltager i afstemningen.

3) Stater, der undlader at afgive stemme, betragtes ikke som deltagere i afstemningen.

Artikel 36

Stemmeafvejning

1) Ved vedtagelse eller ændring af afgiftsregulativet og, for så vidt de kontraherende staters finansielle ydelser derved ville blive