

**PROTOCOL  
ON THE CENTRALISATION OF THE  
EUROPEAN PATENT SYSTEM  
AND ON ITS INTRODUCTION  
(PROTOCOL ON CENTRALISATION)**

SECTION I

(1) (a) Upon entry into force of the Convention, States parties thereto which are also members of the International Patent Institute set up by the Hague Agreement of 6 June 1947 shall take all necessary steps to ensure the transfer to the European Patent Office no later than the date referred to in Article 162, paragraph 1, of the Convention of all assets and liabilities and all staff members of the International Patent Institute. Such transfer shall be effected by an agreement between the International Patent Institute and the European Patent Organisation. The above States and the other States parties to the Convention shall take all necessary steps to ensure that that agreement shall be implemented no later than the date referred to in Article 162, paragraph 1, of the Convention. Upon implementation of the agreement, those Member States of the International Patent Institute which are also parties to the Convention further undertake to terminate their participation in the Hague Agreement.

(b) The States parties to the Convention shall take all necessary steps to ensure that all the assets and liabilities and all the staff members of the International Patent Institute are taken into the European Patent Office in accordance with the agreement referred to in sub-paragraph (a). After the implementation of that agreement the tasks incumbent upon the International Patent Institute at the date on which the Convention is opened for signature, and in particular those carried out *vis-à-vis* its Member States, whether or not they become parties to the Convention, and such tasks as it has undertaken at the time of the entry into

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AFSNIT I

1) a) Ved konventionens ikrafttræden træffer de stater, som er parter i konventionen, og som tillige er medlemmer af det ved Haag-overenskomsten af 6. juni 1947 oprettede internationale Patentinstitut, de nødvendige foranstaltninger til at sikre, at samtlige Det internationale Patentinstituts aktiver og passiver såvel som instituttets samlede personale overføres til Den europæiske Patentmyndighed senest på det i konventionens artikel 162, stk. 1, angivne tidspunkt. Denne overførelse finder sted på grundlag af en overenskomst mellem Det internationale Patentinstitut og Den europæiske Patentorganisation. Ovennævnte stater og de andre stater, der er parter i konventionen, træffer de nødvendige foranstaltninger til at sikre, at denne overenskomst gennemføres senest på det i konventionens artikel 162, stk. 1, angivne tidspunkt. De af Det internationale Patentinstituts medlemsstater, der tillige er parter i konventionen, forpligter sig desuden til ved overenskomstens gennemførelse at bringe deres deltagelse i Haag-overenskomsten til ophør.

b) De stater, der er parter i konventionen, træffer de nødvendige foranstaltninger til at sikre, at samtlige Det internationale Patentinstituts aktiver og passiver såvel som instituttets samlede personale overtages af Den europæiske Patentmyndighed i overensstemmelse med den under a) nævnte overenskomst. Afdelingen i Haag overtager efter gennemførelsen af denne overenskomst dels de opgaver, der påhviler Det internationale Patentinstitut på den dag, da konventionen stilles åben for undertegnelse, især sådanne opgaver, som instituttet varetager i forhold til sine medlemsstater, uanset om disse stater bliver parter i konventionen el-