

DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
of 28 June 2017  
laying down the procedure for designating the  
deputy of the President of the Boards of Appeal if  
absent or indisposed

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THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION,

Having regard to the European Patent Convention and in particular Rule 12a(1), fourth sentence, thereof,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The President of the Boards of Appeal shall designate the member(s) of the Enlarged Board of Appeal who is (are) to replace him in individual matters or series of matters while he is absent or indisposed. As concerns the exercise of the functions and powers which are the subject of the Act of Delegation signed by the President of the Office, such replacement shall require the agreement of the President of the Office. The designation of the deputy (deputies) should be made as soon as possible after the President of the Boards of Appeal takes up office. The name(s) of the designated deputy (deputies) shall be published.

Article 2

If a member of the Enlarged Board of Appeal designated under Article 1 is also absent or indisposed, the member of the Enlarged Board of Appeal with the longest service on the Enlarged Board of Appeal shall deputise as President of the Boards of Appeal or, where members of the Enlarged Board of Appeal have the same length of service on the Enlarged Board of Appeal, the eldest member. If that deputy is also absent or indisposed, the member of the Enlarged Board of Appeal with the next longest service as member of the Enlarged Board of Appeal shall deputise.

Article 3

This decision shall enter into force on 28 June 2017.

Done at The Hague, 28 June 2017

For the Administrative Council  
The Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Kongstad". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jesper KONGSTAD