STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BEFORE THE EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE

48th meeting
Munich, 21 June 2016
(commencing at 10.00 h – ISAR Building, Room 128)

Subject: Provisional agenda
Drawn up by: European Patent Office
Addressees: Members of SACEPO (for comments)
PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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8. Status reports: Harmonisation of patent law and procedures
   oral report
   - Substantive Patent Law Harmonization
   - Procedural harmonisation within the PHEP
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9. Update on PCT matters
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10. Unitary patent protection – progress report
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11. Reports from recent meetings of SACEPO Working Parties
    Including first meeting of SACEPO Working Party e-Patent Process
    oral reports

12. Any other business

Please note that, unless otherwise indicated, SACEPO documents containing status reports on the above topics will be sent to members prior to the meeting. In keeping with the advisory purpose of the SACEPO, the meeting will be devoted to feedback from members on these topics.