STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BEFORE THE EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE

49th meeting
Munich, 17 May 2017

(commencing at 09.30 h – ISAR Building, Room 128)

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

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda SACEPO 1/17

2. President’s report on the development of the European patent system oral report

3. Patent grant process
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     o Update on Early Certainty from Search, Examination and Opposition SACEPO 2/17 SACEPO 3/17
   - Quality at the EPO SACEPO 4/17
     o including follow-up from inaugural meeting of SACEPO Working Party on Quality
   - e-Patent-Process:
     o e-business developments (M2 applicants) and follow-up from meetings of SACEPO Working Party on e-Patent-Process SACEPO 5/17
     o XML filing SACEPO 6/17

4. Fee payment methods
   - credit cards SACEPO 7/17
   - other fee payments (revision of ADA) SACEPO 8/17

5. Update on Unitary Patent Oral Report

6. Status reports and updates
   - IP5 Projects:
     o Global Dossier, CPC SACEPO 9/17
     o PPH SACEPO 10/17
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7. Reports from SACEPO Working Parties
   - Working Party on Patent Documentation & Information Minutes

8. 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.