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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: Notification by Italy of its intention to participate in the enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection and in the enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection with regard to the applicable translation arrangements

I wish to inform you that the Italian government has further examined all legal and institutional issues regarding Regulation No 1257/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2012, implementing enhanced cooperation for the creation of unitary patent protection, and Council regulation (EU) No 1260/2012 of 17 December 2012, implementing enhanced cooperation for the creation of unitary patent protection with regard to the applicable translation regime.

On the basis of this thorough evaluation, Italy has determined to request participation in the enhanced cooperation for the creation of unitary patent protection, pursuant to Article 331 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The accession to enhanced cooperation on the European Patent does not prejudge Italy's well established position on the EU language regime and does not constitute a precedent.

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