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LEGAL STATUSNote by the Office of the Union

In conformity with the suggestion of the Delegation of the United Kingdom it is proposed that the following Article 23A be included in the Convention:

"Article 23A

"Legal Status

"(1) The Union shall have legal capacity.

[See Article 5 of the European Patent Convention]

"(2) The Union shall enjoy on the territory of each member State of the Union, in conformity with the laws of that State, such legal capacity as may be necessary for the fulfilment of the Union's objectives and for the exercise of its functions."

[See Article 12(1) of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization]

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