

10th meeting of the Preparatory Committee - 10 July 2015

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The 10th meeting of the Preparatory Committee was held at the Hungarian Permanent Representation to the European Union at the 10th of July. At the meeting the 18th draft of the Rules of Procedure were presented by Johannes Karcher, coordinator of the Legal Framework working group, and Kevin Mooney, Chair of the Drafting Committee. The draft was very well received by the Committee and even if there is one or two items still to settle it was concluded that the Committee expect to agree on a final set of Rules at its meeting in October. The Committee then went on to agree the draft Protocol on Provisional Application of parts of the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court. The Protocol will be opened for signature in the autumn at a date later to be announced.

The Committee also discussed the salary package of the judges, the privileges and immunities of the UPC and the division of costs and responsibilities of the UPC and the hosting Member States. Neil Feinson, coordinator for the IT workstream also confirmed that the contracts for the IT work had been awarded to T-Systems for the hosting work, Miggle for development of the website and Net Services Spa for the case management development.

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on 3 September 2015.