

14 July 2020

His Excellency Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen  
Secretary-General, Council of the European Union  
Brussels

*Your Excellency,*

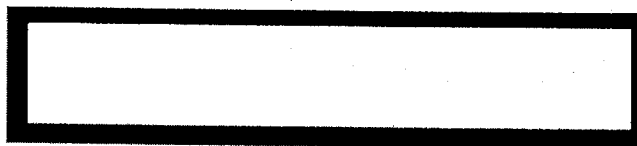
I have the honour to refer to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland's signature and ratification of the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court, dated 19 February 2013 and 23 April 2018 respectively; and to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland's signature and ratification of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the Unified Patent Court, dated 14 December 2016 and 23 April 2018 respectively. I have further the honour to refer to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland's signature and notification of completion of domestic procedures of the Protocol to the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court on provisional application, dated 1 October 2015 and 6 July 2017 respectively (collectively referred to as the "Agreements").

On 31 January 2020, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland withdrew from the European Union and, under the terms of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, entered a time-limited transition period.

In view of its withdrawal from the European Union, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland no longer wishes to be party to the Agreements. In order, therefore, to ensure clarity regarding the United Kingdom's status in respect of the Agreements and to facilitate their orderly entry into force, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland hereby withdraws its ratification of the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court and the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the Unified Patent Court in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland further withdraws its consent to be bound by the Protocol to the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court on provisional application. These withdrawals shall take effect upon the deposit of this notification.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Your sincerely,*



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