

Diplomatic Conference to Conclude and Adopt a Design Law Treaty (DLT)

Riyadh, November 11 to 22, 2024

NEW RULE UNDER ARTICLE 23(3)(a)

Proposal by the Delegation of India

The Delegation of India has submitted to the Secretariat of the Diplomatic Conference the proposal contained in the Annex to the present document.

[Annex follows]

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There is a provision in the Treaty under Article 23, that Regulations may specify provisions which may be amended only by unanimity. However, currently, there is no such Rule under the Regulations text specifying any such regulations which can only be amended by unanimity. Below are some observations in this regard:

The minimum deferral period for publication, currently set at six months, should remain unchanged except by unanimous agreement. This is crucial because some countries may allow deferments extending beyond 30 months, which could be contentious for others; therefore, any minimum deferment period specified in regulations should be amendable only by unanimity.

Hence, India proposes a new Rule which may be added as follows:

Rule _____

Requirement of Unanimity under Article 23(3)(a)

Amendment of the following Rules shall require unanimity:

- (i) Rule 6*
- (ii) the present Rule.*

[End of Annex and of document]