



DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
of 13 December 2022  
inviting the Republic of Moldova to accede to the  
European Patent Convention

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THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION,

Having regard to the request of the Republic of Moldova of 13 February 2019 that the Administrative Council invite that country to accede to the European Patent Convention (EPC),

Desiring to extend the single European patent grant procedure established by the EPC to the Republic of Moldova and thereby to promote the long-term integration of that country into the European Union,

Considering that membership of the European Patent Organisation is part of the *acquis communautaire* and thereby represents an important contribution to furthering the Republic of Moldova's aim of integration into the European Union,

In recognition of the great efforts made by the Republic of Moldova to bring its national patent law into line with the European and international legal system and to modernise its patent system, and of the reforms it has already carried out,

In the expectation that the Republic of Moldova will take all the remaining steps necessary to bring its national patent law into line with the common European standards of the contracting states to the EPC as well as with international standards in the area of patent protection,

In the expectation that the Republic of Moldova will enact suitable national legislation, or adapt its existing legal provisions, to facilitate the implementation of the EPC, taking account of the legal requirements which already apply in the EPC contracting states,

Having regard to the EPC and in particular Article 166(1)(b) thereof,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Republic of Moldova is hereby invited to accede to the European Patent Convention.

Article 2

The Chairperson of the Administrative Council shall forward a copy of this decision to the Government of the Republic of Moldova.

This decision shall enter into force on 13 December 2022.

Done at Munich, 13 December 2022

For the Administrative Council  
The Chairperson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Kratochvíl', written in a cursive style.

Josef KRATOCHVÍL