



DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
of 13 December 2023 establishing a policy for the
publication of Council documents

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION,
Having regard to the European Patent Convention, and in particular Article 33(2)(e) thereof,
HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Each document submitted to the Administrative Council shall be allocated to one of the following categories:

- a) Public documents: documents classified as "public" can be accessed in the Organisation's database of Council documents ("MICADO") by Council meeting participants and European Patent Office staff. They are also made available to the public via the Organisation's website after the meeting to which they were submitted.
- b) Restricted documents: documents classified as "restricted" are disseminated only to Council meeting participants. They are not made available to the public. Restricted documents can, however, be accessed on MICADO by Council meeting participants and European Patent Office staff.
- c) Confidential documents: documents classified as "confidential" are disseminated only to the participants in the relevant closed session and made accessible only in the Organisation's database of confidential Council documents (MICADO-C). Confidential documents are not made available to the public.

Article 2

- (1) The policy set out in this decision replaces the recommendations given in CA/26/12 Rev. 1 ("Publication of Administrative Council's documents through the EPO's public web site").
- (2) This decision enters into force on 13 December 2023.

Done at Munich, 13 December 2023

For the Administrative Council
The Chairperson



Josef KRATOCHVÍL