

CA/118/00

Orig.: German

Munich, 24.08.2000

SUBJECT: Discussion of the Basic Proposal (CA/100/00 + Add. 1)
- 81st meeting of the Administrative Council (Munich, 5-8.9.2000);
proposal from the Council Chairman

DRAWN UP BY: Chairman of the Administrative Council

ADDRESSEES: Administrative Council (for decision)

CA/100/00 - the most important document for the Council's September meeting, containing *inter alia* all the drafts for submission to the forthcoming Revision Conference - concerns more than 100 EPC articles and is over 250 pages long.

To permit, nonetheless, a structured debate of the Basic Proposal, the revision proposals have been divided into **two categories**:

Category A: Those approved unanimously or overwhelmingly by the Committee on Patent Law and requiring no further discussion

Category B: Those of fundamental importance or, in view of the Committee on Patent Law's discussions, requiring finalisation by the Council

Following consultation of the chairman of the Committee on Patent Law, the **Category B** provisions are Articles 22/112a, 33/35, 52, 54(5), 69, 94 to 96 (because of deletion of Article 95), 105a to c, 134a(1)(d) (*epi* proposal) and 149a EPC. The remainder would come under **Category A**.

Delegations can request additions to **Category B** when agenda item 3(b) ("Basic proposal; amendments to the EPC", CA/100/00 + Add. 1) is called. If the request is made by an observer delegation, it must be supported by a delegation from a contracting state.
