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Re: Patent regulation and articles 6-8

Dear friends,

First of all let me thank you for your most valuable input on the issue of the unitary patent dossier. I have tried my best to argue the position that articles 6-8 in the patent regulation have to be moved to the court agreement in order to create a system that could be acceptable to the users. It now seems however that the two main political groups of the European Parliament (The EPP and S&D) through the rapporteurs Mr Rapkay and Mr Lehne have now clearly decided to stick to the position of keeping articles 6-8 in the regulation. It also seems that apart from a handful of countries, the council shares this opinion.

I am of course disappointed that I was unable to convince my colleagues in the parliament even with your kind support and persuasive arguments. I have tried my best to make sure that the voice of users of the system be heard during the debate. It seems however that the fear of a regulation that could be challenged in the court of justice on the legal basis was just too strong. I want you to know that myself and the liberal group will still be voting to remove these articles from the regulation when the issue comes up in the committee but the mathematics as things stand will not be in our favour as the EPP and S&D have 15 of the 25 votes in the legal affairs committee.

I attach a link to the legal affairs committee meeting in November where this was discussed as this debate illustrates the various positions taken by the parties in parliament (the patent debate starts around 15:27).

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/ep-live/en/committees/video?event=20111121-1500-COMMITTEE-JURI&category=COMMITTEE&format=wmv>

Again thank you for your contributions and your assistance on this issue.

With kind regards
Cecilia