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To the Chairman and
The Heads of Delegations
of the Administrative Council
of the European Patent Organisation
Mr Josef Kratochvíl

By email

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Our letter dated 19 February 2024 – Corrigendum

Dear Mr Chairman,
Dear Head of Delegation,

The Central Staff Committee (CSC) informed you on the outcome of a vote on a resolution on objective setting. It is to our deep regret that we must issue a corrigendum regarding the precise numbers of votes in our letter of 19 February 2024. The numbers presented included the sum of attendees of General Assemblies in Munich, Berlin and in The Hague together with the sum of votes in favour and against the resolution as well as the number of abstentions.

The General Assembly in The Hague took place in hybrid format. Due to a technical difficulty brought to our attention on the 12 March 2024, the number of votes cast electronically by those attending online cannot currently be validated, despite our best efforts. For your complete and transparent information, the CSC must therefore revoke the figures originally communicated. It is in our best interest to inform the Administrative Council correctly, so we are sending you this correction in time for the upcoming meeting.

The number of votes cast by show of hands in the auditorium in The Hague is confirmed, and was 75 in favour of the resolution, no one voted against the resolution, and 3 abstained. The unverified count of electronic votes in The Hague against the resolution do not impact the outcome of the vote. In addition, the results in Munich and Berlin remain unchanged. In Munich, 416 staff members voted in favour of the resolution, 4 voted against the resolution, and 31 colleagues abstained. In Berlin, 82 staff members voted in favour of the resolution, no one voted against the resolution, and 5 colleagues abstained.

We apologize for the necessity to send this corrigendum. The above numbers still show that there was an overwhelming majority in favour of the resolution.

Yours sincerely,



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