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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
of 27 June 2024 amending Article 10 of its Rules of Procedure

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

The following new paragraph 6 is inserted into Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Council:

"(6) Votes on elections and re-elections and on appointments, reappointments and extensions of terms of office shall be taken by secret ballot."

Current paragraph 6 is renumbered as paragraph 7.

The paragraphs of section II "Written procedure" of Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure are renumbered accordingly. The reference in current paragraph 7 to "paragraphs 1 to 6" is amended to read "paragraphs 1 to 7". Otherwise, no changes are made to section II.

Article 2

This decision enters into force on 27 June 2024.

Done at Munich, 27 June 2024

For the Administrative Council
The Chairperson



Josef KRATOCHVÍL