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1.

The oral hearing of the Court of Appeal of the Unified Patent Court (“CoA”) is held before the designated panel and generally takes place at the premises of the Court of Appeal:

**Nouvel Hémicycle
1, rue du Fort Thüngen
L-1499 Luxembourg**

Should the oral hearing take place at a different location, this will be communicated accordingly.

2.

The oral hearing is open to the public unless the Court decides to make it confidential, to the extent necessary, in the interest of one or both parties or other affected persons or in the general interest of justice or public order.

3.

All hearings will be audio recorded.

4.

Some seats in the hearing room are reserved for parties' accompanying persons and representatives. It is to be noted that the capacity of the courtrooms in the *Nouvel Hémicycle* building is limited. Members of the public and media representatives will be admitted to the courtroom, but only to the extent that seats are available.

5.

The Court may decide to allow a party, representative or accompanying person, to attend the oral hearing by videoconference, or, but only if all parties agree or the Court considers it appropriate to do so due to exceptional circumstances, to hold the oral hearing by videoconference. In case the hearing is held by videoconference, it will be transmitted simultaneously in picture and sound to the respective courtroom.

6.

If the oral hearing is held by videoconference, only the parties and their representatives are provided with a personal link from the Registry of the CoA to have access to the WebEx transmission. It is **prohibited** to share this link. No WebEx connection may be provided to members of the public or the media.

7.

Parties, accompanying persons, representatives and members of the public are invited to arrive in good time, also taking into consideration possible security checks, so that the hearing can start at the scheduled time. Upon their arrival at the designated location of the hearing, members from the public will need to fill in their names on a list in order to be allowed to enter the courtroom.

8.

Any video or audio recordings during the oral proceedings or streaming of the oral proceedings is strictly **prohibited**.

Dr. Klaus Grabinski

President of the Court of Appeal

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