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The Plenipotentiaries of seven contracting parties to the Unified Patent Court Agreement (Denmark, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Slovenia, Sweden and United Kingdom) signed on 1 October 2015 in Luxembourg the above mentioned Protocol.

On this occasion, the Netherlands submitted the declaration set out in Annex I, while the United Kingdom entered the reservation contained in Annex II to this Note.

**AGREEMENT ON A UNIFIED PATENT COURT**

**DONE AT BRUSSELS ON 19 FEBRUARY 2013**

**DECLARATION by the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
regarding the provisional application of certain provisions of the Agreement**

The Kingdom of the Netherlands intends to inform the General Secretariat of the European Union, depositary of the Agreement referred to above, once it has received parliamentary approval to ratify the Agreement, for the European part of the Kingdom, in accordance with article 84 of this Agreement.

Pending the entry into force of the Agreement for the European part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, in accordance with its Article 89, the Kingdom of the Netherlands declares that it considers itself bound, for the European part of the Kingdom, by the provisional application of the following provisions of the Agreement as from the date on which the Kingdom of the Netherlands will have informed the depositary that it has received parliamentary approval to ratify the Agreement for the European part of the Kingdom:

- the articles 1, 2, 4-5, 6(1), 7, 10-19, 35(1, 3 and 4), 36-41 and 71(3) of the Agreement,
- the articles 1-7(1), 7(5), 9-18, 20(1), 22-28, 30, 32, 33 and 35(1) of Annex I of the Agreement (Statute of the Unified Patent Court)."

Done at the Hague, on 22 September 2015

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,





**RESERVATION**

I, Baroness Neville-Rolfe, DBE, CMG, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Business Innovation and Skills (jointly with the Department of Culture, Media and Sport) and Minister for Intellectual Property,

**HEREBY DECLARE** that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland makes the following reservation in relation to Article 1 of the Protocol to the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court on provisional application which is being signed at Luxembourg on 1 October 2015 (“the Protocol”).

*The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall not provisionally apply Article 4 of the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

Done at *London* on *29<sup>th</sup> September 2015*

*Baroness Neville-Rolfe DBE CMG*