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Delegations will find attached a Flash from the Presidency in relation to the meeting of the Working Party on Intellectual Property (Attachés) on 19 July 2023.

PRESIDENCY FLASH - WORKING PARTY ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (Attachés meeting) 19.07.2023

Dear Colleagues,
¡Hola!

After all the discussions held and all the good work done on the Design Package at previous working parties, we believe that all Member States are ready to find a way forward around a compromise text on both proposals. This is why we are calling you for an Attaché meeting this 19th, July, at 10:00. It will be a morning only meeting.

To facilitate the negotiations, we would like you to focus on the following articles, where there have been changes introduced (and corresponding recitals, should it be the case):

- Proposal for a Directive (doc. 11789/23): Recital 27a, Articles 13 (Grounds for non-registrability), 14 (grounds for invalidity), and 28 (Date of filing).
- Proposal for a Regulation (doc. 11790/23): Annex I (fees).

After discussing the changes to each of the proposals, we will open the floor to all delegations to discuss any further elements you may wish to raise in respect of each text.

We aim for an open and transparent discussion that could lead to a final compromise on both texts, based on your comments and suggestions, so we can advance to COREPER and the COMPET Council in September, as explained in our priorities.

Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding any queries you might have, now or throughout the Spanish presidency.

Kind regards,

The Spanish Presidency IP team



