Industrial property: Community patent

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The Council has examined the status of the proposed Community Patent Regulation, in accordance with the outcome of the Council meeting the 21 May 2002 during the Spanish Presidency, focusing on the jurisdictional arrangements for the Community Patent. The Council noted that progress has been made on both the underlying general principles for the jurisdictional arrangements as well as on the structure of the Community Patent Court and the more technical - but essential - legal issues involved. Therefore the Permanent Representatives Committee should pursue work actively on and give high priority to finalising an agreement on the key elements of the jurisdictional system for the Community Patent and prepare an overall political agreement at the Council on the Community Patent as a whole. The Council will make all efforts to adopt this political agreement in good time before the European Council in Spring 2003.