Industrial property: Community patent

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The Council did not reach agreement by unanimity, as required, on the Presidency's compromise proposal for a Council Regulation on the Community patent. Germany, France, Spain and Portugal

voted against and Italy abstained. Noting that all conceivable compromise solutions for the only outstanding issue, which concerns the translation of patent claims, had been tried, the Presidency

stated its intention to refer this matter to the President of the European Council.