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Rules of Procedure Unified Patent Court have been published

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The Rules of Procedure for the future Unified Patent Court have been published. According to the UPC Preparatory Committee 'this is a major milestone in the progress of the Committees work'.

'The agreed text is Draft no. 18 which shows that the text has undergone a rigorous process of development and testing. The Rules of Procedure are the result of a successful and fruitful collaboration between the Preparatory Committee's Legal working group and the Drafting Committee. This will underpin the Court's framework and functioning. The work has benefitted strongly from comments from stakeholders submitted during the written consultation and the oral hearing.'

The text, available here, was adopted during a meeting on 19 October 2015. It is subject to some further adaptations once the Preparatory Committee has decided on the court fees.

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