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## Information to Patent Attorneys

Dear Professional Representative,

Several internet platforms reported recently on the upcoming strikes at the European Patent Office, see for example the [article](#)<sup>1</sup> of World Intellectual Property Review (WIPR) of 13 November 2014.

Due to the unprecedented attacks on the rights of the EPO employees like:

- Infringement of the Rule of Law by the EPO President,
- Hindering of the Freedom of Association of the EPO employees by the present administration,
- Lack of willingness of the present administration to negotiate with the Staff and their representatives the introduction of a new work package,

the employees voted in a strike ballot organised by the office with a majority of 85% and an overall 52 % participation.

Staff of the EPO will be on strike on the following days:

**November 20.**

**November 25 and 26.**

**December 2, 3 and 4**

**December 8, 9, 10, 11.**

**December 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.**

Therefore, to save the applicants unnecessary additional costs and inconvenience, SUEPO recommends that you ask for a postponement of the Oral Proceedings if any are scheduled on one of the above mentioned strike days.

Sincerely yours,

The SUEPO Central Executive Committee

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<sup>1</sup> WIPR: <http://www.worldipreview.com/news/epo-staff-reveal-strike-dates-7402>