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Unified Patent Court - Current state and future
perspectives

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Mr. António Campinos, President of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) and President of the Administrative Board of the CEIPI, will deliver an opening address of the conference

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Bio :

Margot Fröhlinger graduated from Saarbrücken University with a law degree in 1976. Her post-graduate qualifications consist of the German professional law qualification (1979) and a doctorate in law from Trier University (1981).

From 1979 to 1983 she worked as senior assistant and lecturer in constitutional, administrative and European law at Trier University.

From 1983 to 1987 she was a judge at several courts in Germany.

In 1987 she joined the Commission of the European Communities. Her first posting was in the Commission's Directorate General for Competition where she dealt with banking, insurance and commerce and later with media and distributive trades.

Since 1994 she was in charge of different policy areas in the Commission's Directorate General for the Internal Market where since 2006 she dealt with intellectual property including the creation of a Unified European Patent Court and the unitary patent.

She has been lecturing on intellectual property rights at the Universities of Aix-en-Provence, Paris (Université Paris1-Panthéon-Sorbonne) and Leuven.

In April 2012 she joined the European Patent Office where she is Principal Director for Patent Law and Multilateral Affairs. In this function she deals with issues such as the development of patent law at European and international levels, patent law harmonization, cooperation with major IP offices, (IP5 and Trilateral) and the strengthening and improvement of the PCT system (Patent Cooperation Treaty).