

representative, and had not addressed the opposition division. This amounted to an important difference from the facts of case **G.2/94**, where a former member of the boards of appeal had presented his case before his former colleagues. In the case at issue, the former member had given only hints by whispering to the authorised representative, who had been absolutely free to accept them or not, but had not made any intervention of his own motion. The appellant's representative had agreed at the beginning of the oral proceedings to his sitting beside and assisting the respondent's representative. The request for reimbursement of the appeal fee was thus refused.