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Art. 2(1) RFees
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4.4 Fee for establishment and transmittal to the IB of a certified copy of the priority document

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Rule 17.1(b) and (b-bis)
Art. 3(1) RFees
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OJ EPO 2019, A27
AI 715 and 716
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