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## (54) CELL ASSEMBLY AND CONVERTER COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF ARMS, EACH HAVING SUCH A CELL ASSEMBLY

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#### (57)**ABSTRACT**

Each cell of a cell assembly for a converter may include: first and second terminals, switching elements, and a capacitor. The cells are connected in series such that, for each pair of neighbouring cells, the first terminal of a first cell is connected to the second terminal of a second cell. Each cell includes a bypass connected to the first and second terminals that bypasses switching elements in a short circuit configuration and does not bypass the switching elements in an open circuit configuration. Each cell has a cell controller providing control signals to the sw itching elements to connect the capacitor to the first and second terminals or to bypass the capacitor. The cell controller provides a control signal to the bypass unit of neighbouring cells to change its configuration between the short circuit and open circuit configurations.

