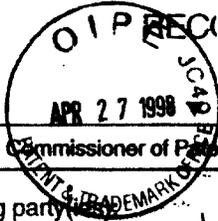


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Signed at Stuttgart, Federal Republic of Germany, this 3rd day of April, 1998.

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