Datasheet for the decision of 14 September 2018

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Title of invention:
Key derivation during inter-network handover

Applicant:
Nokia Technologies Oy

Headword:
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Relevant legal provisions:
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Keyword:
Admissibility of appeal - missing statement of grounds
DECISION of Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.03 of 14 September 2018

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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted on 13 December 2017 refusing European patent application No. 10851202.1 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.

Composition of the Board:
Chairman F. van der Voort
Members: K. Schenkel
S. Fernández de Córdoba
Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. This appeal is against the decision of the examining division, posted on 13 December 2017, refusing European patent application No. 10851202.1, publication No. WO 2011/140695.

II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 23 February 2018 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.

III. With a communication dated 12 June 2018, reception of which was confirmed by the appellant, the registrar of the board informed the appellant that it appeared from the file that the written statement of grounds of appeal had not been filed, and that it was therefore to be expected that the appeal would be rejected as inadmissible pursuant to Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 101(1) EPC. The appellant was informed that any observations had to be filed within two months of notification of the communication.

IV. No reply was received within the given time limit.

Reasons for the Decision

No written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided by Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 126(2) EPC. In addition, neither the notice of appeal nor any other document filed contains anything that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC and Rule 99(2) EPC. Therefore, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Rule 101(1) EPC).

Order
For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar: 

The Chairman:

G. Rauh 

F. van der Voort

Decision electronically authenticated