

- 1 The oral proceedings were opened at 09:10.
- 1.1 The chairman summarized the case, parties and the pledging participants.
- 1.2 The parties confirmed the summary.
The chairman requested non speaking accompanying persons switch off their camera and microphone.
Their names are not included in the minutes.
- 1.3 The chairman listed the requests on file for each party.
- 1.4 The parties confirmed those requests.
- 1.5 The chairman indicated the wish to present an interpretation of claim 1 by the division to facilitate further discussions, in particular those related to Art 100(c) and Art. 76(1).
He described the features of claim 1 and an understanding on how frames arrive, are forwarded or discarded. He described the possible interpretation that the 2nd interface is a network-type interface and that first-type frame is spoke-originated, in particular with reference to the discarding step.
- 1.6 The proprietor reacted referring to the features of claim 1 not explicitly mentioned/elaborated in the chairman's summary. He questioned the interpretation of absolute/non-absolute discarding, referring inter-alia to D10. He argued that the combination of all features of claim 1 provide a frame in which the discarding step is to be interpreted. He explained how the claimed switch works within the whole network, as in the written procedure.
- 1.7 The chairman indicated that this explanation appeared consistent with the one given by him.
- 1.8 The proprietor confirmed it, indicating that they wish to remark the frame created by the whole set of features in the claim.
- 1.9 The chairman questioned if the interpretation of the discarding step is correct, where there are 2 checks:
 - marked as 1st type
 - received from 2nd interfaceand based only on those, the discarding takes place for all frames fulfilling those conditions.
- 1.10 The proprietor answered in the affirmative, when giving "discarding" an absolute meaning. He further remarked that nevertheless, it is common in the art to give the term "discarding" a non-absolute meaning.