



Appeal No.:

UPC-CoA-50/2026

**PROCEDURAL ORDER**  
**of the Court of Appeal of the Unified Patent Court**  
**delivered on 15 May 2026**

APPELLANTS, DEFENDANTS IN THE INFRINGEMENT PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE AND APPLICANTS IN THE PRELIMINARY OBJECTION

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hereinafter collectively referred to as **'the Appellants'**

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RESPONDENT AND CLAIMANT IN THE INFRINGEMENT PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE

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(hereinafter referred to as "Respondent")

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PATENT IN DISPUTE

EP 4 144 599

DECIDING JUDGE

Emmanuel Gougé, legally qualified judge and reporting judge

LANGUAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS

French

CONTESTED ORDER OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE

- Order of the Paris Local Division of 23 March 2026, UPC\_CFI\_1963/2025

SUMMARY OF THE FACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

1. The Respondent brought an infringement action (UPC-CFI-1963/2025) in respect of patent EP 4 144 599 against the Appellants before the Paris Local Division of the Court of First Instance of the Unified Patent Court (hereinafter the 'Paris Local Division').
2. In accordance with the provisions of Rule 19 of the RoP, five of the Bosch companies (Robert Bosch Doo Beograd, Robert Bosch France SAS, Robert Bosch GmbH, Robert Bosch SA and Robert Bosch Produktie SA) filed a preliminary objection on 27 January 2026, challenging the jurisdiction of the Paris Local Division and the language of the proceedings. On 6 February 2026, BOSCH AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS (CHANGSHA) CO., LTD. filed a preliminary objection, in the same terms as that filed on 27 January 2026.
3. By order of 17 February 2026, the Reporting Judge of the Paris Commercial Court dismissed, inter alia, the two preliminary objections and the Appellants' application for leave to appeal. On 4 March 2026, the Appellants filed an appeal with the Paris DL Chamber for a review of the order of the Reporting Judge of 17 February 2026.
4. The Paris UPC Division dismissed the application for review of the order of 17 February 2026 and the application to dismiss the infringement action, and granted leave to appeal (procedural order of the Paris UPC Division of 23 March 2026, hereinafter 'the contested order').
5. The Appellants lodged an appeal against the contested order (UPC-CoA-50/2026).
6. Following consultation with the parties, the hearing by videoconference was scheduled for 26 May 2026 (order of the Judge-Rapporteur of 30 April 2026).
7. By application dated 8 May 2026, the Appellants made a request to use English at the hearing on 26 May 2026, asking in particular the Court of Appeal to order that
  - the hearing on 26 May 2026 be held in English, or that
  - the Appellants' representative be at the very least permitted to speak in English at the hearing on 26 May 2026.
8. In summary, they argue that the Appellants' representative understands French but does not have a sufficient command of spoken French to enable him to represent the Appellants effectively at the hearing scheduled for 26 May 2026, and that the solution of the Appellants engaging an interpreter in accordance with Rule 109.4 RoP would be less effective than direct representation by their representative, and that in its procedural order of 3 April 2026 in the joined cases UPC\_CoA\_004/2026 and UPC\_CoA\_013/2026 between the same parties, the Court decided to hold the hearing in English.
9. The Respondent requests the Court to order that the hearing on 26 May 2026 be held exclusively in English and to dismiss the Appellants' alternative application.

## REASONS

10. The general principles set out in the UPC Agreement and in the preamble to the Rules of Procedure provide, in particular, that flexibility must be ensured by applying all procedural rules in a flexible and balanced manner, with the requisite degree of discretion, so that the judges may organise the proceedings in the most efficient and economical manner possible (RoP, Preamble, para. 4), and that justice and equity are guaranteed by taking into account the legitimate interests of all parties (RoP, Preamble, para. 5).
11. In light of the aforementioned principles, in particular those of flexible and balanced proceedings, organised in an efficient and economical manner, and taking into account the interests of all parties, the Appellant's main request, which invokes considerations of pragmatism and procedural efficiency, as well as the Respondent's submissions, and having regard to the solution adopted by this Court between the same parties in the joined cases UPC\_CoA\_004/2026 and UPC\_CoA\_013/2026 (procedural order of 3 April 2026), it appears justified to allow the parties, at the hearing on 26 May 2026, to present their arguments in English, without this calling into question the language of the proceedings in the present appeal.
12. As the main application is granted with the Respondent's consent, it is not necessary to rule on the alternative application.

## ORDER

The Reporting Judge, after consultation with the President of Chamber 1 of the Court of Appeal before which the case is to be heard, orders that the proceedings at the hearing on 26 May 2026 shall be conducted in English.

Delivered in Luxembourg, 15 May 2026.

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Emmanuel Gougé, Legally Qualified Judge and Reporting Judge