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- XX No Translation
- Translation of Claims
- Full Translation Required
- XX Replaced by Unitary Patent

- Unitary Patent replaces 17 national patents
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