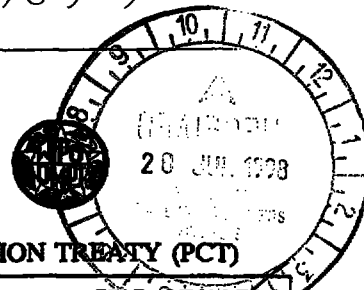


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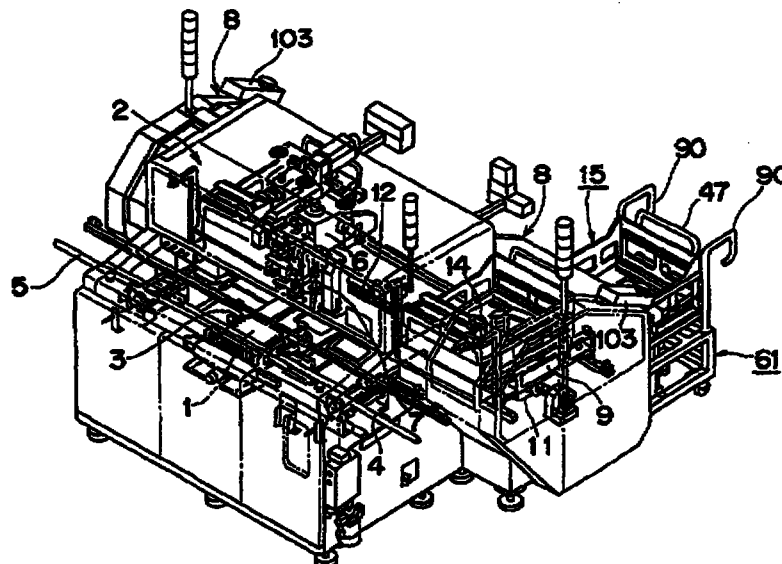
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(57) Abstract

A transfer rack (15) loaded with a seriate number of component supply cassettes (14) to be handled collectively is carried as retained on a truck (61) so that it can be taken in and out of the truck (61), and the transfer rack (15) is passed between the truck (61) and a component supply section (8). Thus the withdrawal of the transfer rack (15) from the component supply section (8) to the truck (61) and the delivery of the transfer rack (15) to the component supply section (8) are executed timely to change the component supply cassettes (14) at the component supply section (8). The transfer rack (15) delivered to the component supply section (8) is positioned by operating an automatic positioning means at the component supply section (8) in a direction in which it is loaded and unloaded and a direction perpendicular to the direction in which it is loaded and unloaded.