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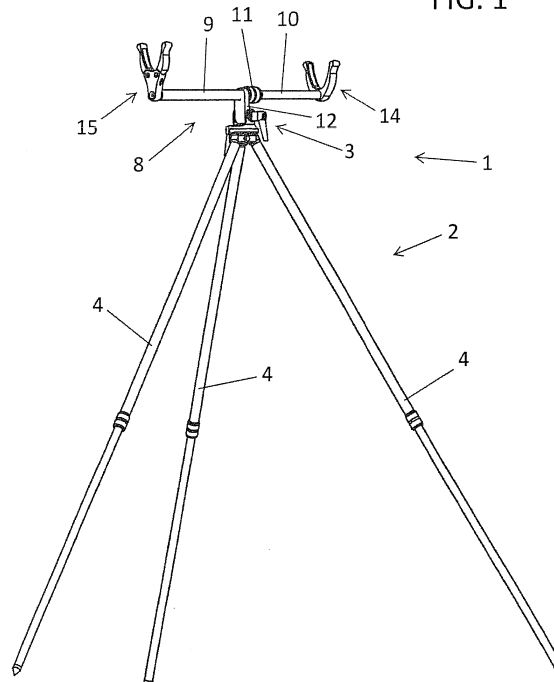
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(54) Tripod for long firearms

(57) The present invention refers to a ground support structure (1) for long firearms, such as for example rifles and carabines, comprising a stand (2) with a plurality of legs (4) associated to a tilting telescopic support (8) through an orbital head (3) for selectively modifying - in rotation and inclination - the position of the tilting tele-

scopic support (8), the latter apically carrying two support members (14, 15) on which a long firearm can be placed, at least one of said two support members (14, 15) comprising locking means for locking said long firearm to the tilting telescopic support (8).

FIG. 1



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