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**DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE
FOR THE ADOPTION OF A NEW ACT OF THE HAGUE
AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL DEPOSIT
OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS**

Geneva, June 16 to July 6, 1999

ARTICLE 26 OF THE DRAFT NEW ACT

Proposal by the Delegation of the United States of America

Replace Article 26 by the following:

Article 26

Revision of this Act

(1) [*Revision Conferences*] This Act may be revised by a conference of the Contracting Parties.

(2) [*Revision or Amendment of Certain Articles*] Articles 23, 23bis, 23ter, and 26bis may be amended either by a revision conference or according to the provisions of Article 26bis.

Article 26bis

Amendment of Certain Articles by the Assembly

(1) [*Proposals for Amendment*] (a) Proposals for the amendment of Articles 23, 23bis, 23ter and this Article may be initiated by any Contracting Party or by the Director General.

(b) Such proposals shall be communicated by the Director General to the Contracting Parties at least six months in advance of their consideration by the Assembly.

(2) [*Competence and Majorities of Assembly*] (a) Amendments to the Articles referred to in paragraph (1) shall be adopted by the Assembly.

(b) Adoption shall require three-fourths of the votes cast, except that any amendment to Article 23 or to the present paragraph shall require four-fifths of the votes cast.

(3) [*Entry into Force*] (a) Except where subparagraph (b) applies, any amendment to the Articles referred to in paragraph (1) shall enter into force one month after written notifications of acceptance, effected in accordance with their respective constitutional processes, have been received by the Director General from three-fourths of those Contracting Parties which, at the time the amendment was adopted, were members of the Assembly [and had the right to vote].

(b) Any amendment to Article 23(3), (4) or (5) or to this subparagraph shall not enter into force if, within six months of its adoption by the Assembly, any Contracting Party notifies the Director General that it does not accept such amendment.

(c) Any amendment to the said Articles which entered into force in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph shall bind all the States and intergovernmental organizations which are Contracting Parties at the time the amendment enters into force, or which become Contracting Parties at a subsequent date.

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