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ASSEMBLY

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**FREEZING OF THE APPLICATION OF THE LONDON (1934) ACT
OF THE HAGUE AGREEMENT**

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1. On September 24, 2009, the Contracting States to the London (1934) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs held an Extraordinary Meeting to consider the freezing of the application of this Act.
2. At the end of that meeting, Mrs. Alexandra Grazioli (Switzerland), in her capacity as Chair, concluded that the Contracting States to the London (1934) Act had unanimously adopted the following decision:

“The Contracting States to the London (1934) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs (“1934 Act”), decide to freeze the application of this Act with effect from January 1, 2010. In taking this decision, the Contracting States intend that no new designation under the 1934 Act may be recorded in the International Register, but that this freeze shall be without prejudice to the continuation in force of designations recorded in the International Register before the effective date of the freeze. More precisely, the Contracting States to the 1934 Act recognize that it shall continue to be possible for these designations to be the subject of a prolongation or any other recording provided for in the Common Regulations under the 1999 Act, the 1960 Act and the 1934 Act of the Hague Agreement, in the version in force before the effective date of the freeze.”

3. *The Assembly of the Hague Union is invited to take note of the unanimous decision of the Contracting States to the 1934 Act to freeze the application of that Act, with effect from January 1, 2010.*

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