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GENEVA

**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

GENERAL INFORMATION

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VENUE AND ROOM ARRANGEMENTS

Venue: International Conference Center of Geneva (CICG)
15, rue de Varembé
1211 Geneva

Plenary sessions and meetings of Main Committees I and II and, unless otherwise announced, of the Credentials Committee and Drafting Committee, will be held in Conference room II at the CICG (Level F).

The Secretariat will assign conference rooms, either at the CICG or at the main WIPO building, for informal meetings, as required.

HOURS OF MEETINGS

Opening session: Wednesday, June 16, 1999, at 10 a.m.

Session schedule: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. (unless otherwise announced).

INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation is provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, the languages being identified on the control switch as follows: 1. English; 2. French; 3. Spanish; 4. Russian; 5. Chinese; 6. Arabic; and 7. Speaker's language.

PREPARED SPEECHES

The task of the Secretariat, in particular of the interpreters, would be greatly facilitated if speakers could hand a copy (even handwritten) of their statement to a Conference Officer. This would also be useful for the preparation of the summary minutes.

ADMISSION BADGES

Admission badges are issued to participants at the time of registration, at the Documents Counter and Registration Desk. Participants are requested to wear their badges when they enter and are in the Conference Center and at the main WIPO building.

TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Telecommunications Center, located on level D of the Conference Center, is open during meeting hours for placing and receiving local and international calls, and sending and receiving faxes and telexes.

Outside meeting hours, calls can also be made from public telephones at the Post Office and around the Conference Center with the use of taxcards, available from the Post Office.

All incoming communications for delegates should be made to the following numbers:

– Telecommunications Center: Tel.: (41-22) 734 2800, Fax: (41-22) 733 5622, Telex: CH 423 151.

A limited number of PCs will be made available to delegates on Level D for sending and receiving e-mails.

INFORMATION DESK

The WIPO information desk is located in the lobby of the Conference Center. This desk will function for information as from Tuesday, June 15, 1999, from 10 a.m. Telephone: (41-22) 791 9411 and 791 9410.

DOCUMENTS COUNTER AND REGISTRATION DESK

The WIPO Documents Counter and Registration Desk will be open in the lobby of the Conference Center, from Tuesday, June 15, 1999. Registration of participants will commence on Tuesday, June 15, from 10 a.m.

TRAVEL

A travel agency, Kuoni, is located on the ground floor of the main WIPO building and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Buses to and from Geneva city center and the railway station stop at the “rue de Vermont” very near the Conference Center (bus line 5), “avenue Giuseppe-Motta” outside the ITU tower (bus line 8) and “place des Nations” (bus lines 8, F, V and Z).

TAXIS

The nearest taxi rank is located on chemin Louis-Dunant. Taxis can be called by dialing 320 2202 or 320 2020.

PARKING

Parking cards for free utilization of the underground parking at the Place des Nations (entrance on avenue Giuseppe-Motta) are available at the information desk. A deposit of 55 Swiss francs is required and will be restituted when the card is returned. For short-term parking, a limited number of metered spaces may be found around the Center. The roundabout in front of the main entrance of the Conference Center may be used only for unloading and loading passengers.

Chauffeur-driven official cars should not remain parked in the vicinity of the entrance to the Conference Center, but should leave the area and return only just before the expected end of the meeting.

FACILITIES OFFERED AT OR NEAR THE CONFERENCE CENTER

(a) Computer facilities

Personal computers with text processor (MS Word 6) and access to Internet (Netscape) are at the disposal of delegations during working hours, on level D of the Conference Center.

(b) Postal service

There is a Post Office on the ground floor of the Conference Center.
Hours: 7.30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1.45 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Monday to Friday).

(c) Bank

An office of the Union de Banques Suisses (UBS) is located across the street from the Conference Center at 17 chemin Louis-Dunant.
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday).
Telephone: 918 2611.

(d) Cloakroom

A self-service cloakroom, located in the main entrance hall of the Conference Center, is available for the use of participants. The area is unattended, and WIPO can take no responsibility for loss or theft.

(e) Coffee bars, cafeteria, restaurant at the Conference Center

Coffee bars: open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cafeteria: open from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Restaurant: open from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A self-service restaurant is also open at lunchtime on the thirteenth floor of the main WIPO building.

(f) Newsagent

A newsagent is open at the Conference Center during meeting hours (Level F).

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