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REVIEW OF THE LISBON SYSTEM

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1. At its twenty-fifth (18th ordinary) session held from September 22 to October 1, 2009, the Assembly of the Lisbon Union noted that the Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System (hereinafter referred to as “the Working Group”) had embarked upon a review of the Lisbon system aimed at improvements that would make the Lisbon system more attractive for States and users, while preserving the principles and objectives of the Lisbon Agreement (document LI/A/25/3).

2. Since then, the Working Group has met twice, considering the results of a survey and a study conducted by the International Bureau in August/September 2010 and draft provisions on certain matters addressed by the Working Group in the context of the review of the Lisbon system in May 2011.

3. As a result of these deliberations, the Working Group agreed to submit to the Assembly: (1) proposals for amendments to the procedures under the Lisbon Agreement, as outlined in document LI/A/27/1; and (2) a request for the Assembly to take note, at its session in September/October 2011:

- (i) that the Working Group had made considerable progress on the development of the Lisbon system and that work would continue with a view to further preparing a process that might result in a revision of the Lisbon Agreement and/or the conclusion of a protocol or a new treaty supplementing the Lisbon Agreement;
- (ii) that the Working Group had requested the Secretariat to prepare a draft new instrument containing the draft provisions set out in Annex II of document LI/WG/DEV/3/2, as revised on the basis of comments made during the third session of the Working Group, in May 2011, as well as any further draft provisions the inclusion of which would be necessary for making the draft new instrument as complete as possible;
- (iii) that further meetings of the Working Group would be convened and would be held more frequently, preferably twice a year.

4. The Assembly is invited to take note of the considerable progress made, and the planned work ahead, as referred to in paragraph 3, above, in the review of the Lisbon system.

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