

## **Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs**

**Tenth Session**  
**Geneva, December 13 to 15, 2021**

### **SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR**

*approved by the Working Group*

1. The Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs (hereinafter referred to as the “Working Group”) met in Geneva, on December 13 and 14, 2021.
2. The following members of the Hague Union were represented at the session: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, European Union, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Jamaica\*, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Mexico, Morocco, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, United States of America and Viet Nam (42).
3. The following States were represented as observers: Algeria, Argentina, Barbados, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, El Salvador, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Nepal, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Yemen (23).
4. Representatives of the following international intergovernmental organizations took part in the session in an observer capacity: Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) (1).

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\* On November 10, 2021, the Government of Jamaica deposited its instrument of accession to the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (“1999 Act”). The 1999 Act will enter into force with respect to Jamaica on February 10, 2022.

5. Representatives of the following international non-governmental organizations took part in the session in an observer capacity: Brazilian Association of Intellectual Property (ABPI), Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI), The Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA), European Community Trademark Association (ECTA), German Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (GRUR), International Trademark Association (INTA), Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA), Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) and MARQUES – The Association of European Trademark Owners (9).
6. The list of participants is contained in document H/LD/WG/10/INF/1 Prov.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE SESSION**

7. Ms. Wang Binying, Deputy Director General, Brands and Designs Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), opened the tenth session of the Working Group and welcomed the participants on behalf of Mr. Daren Tang, Director General of WIPO.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2: ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND TWO VICE-CHAIRS**

8. Ms. Diana Heredia García (Mexico) was unanimously elected as Chair of the Working Group, Ms. Miriam Ragala (Morocco) and Mr. David R. Gerk (United States of America) were unanimously elected as Vice-Chairs.
9. Mr. Hiroshi Okutomi (WIPO) acted as Secretary to the Working Group.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

10. The Working Group adopted the draft agenda (document H/LD/WG/10/1 Prov.) without modification.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE NINTH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE LEGAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE HAGUE SYSTEM FOR THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS**

11. Discussions were based on document H/LD/WG/9/8 Prov.
12. The Working Group adopted the draft report (document H/LD/WG/9/8 Prov.) without modification.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMON REGULATIONS**

13. Discussions were based on document H/LD/WG/10/2.
14. The Chair concluded that the Working Group considered favorably the submission of a proposal to amend the Common Regulations with respect to Rules 21 and 26, as set out in the Annex to document H/LD/WG/10/2, for adoption, to the Assembly of the Hague Union, with the proposed date of entry into force of April 1, 2023.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

15. Discussions were based on document H/LD/WG/10/3.
16. The Chair concluded that the Working Group considered it desirable to amend:
  - (i) Sections 202, 302 and 601 of the Administrative Instructions, as set out in the Annex to document H/LD/WG/10/3; and
  - (ii) Section 301 of the Administrative Instructions, as set out in the Annex to the Summary by the Chair,with a date of entry into force of April 1, 2022.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF NEW LANGUAGES INTO THE HAGUE SYSTEM**

17. Discussions were based on documents H/LD/WG/10/4 and H/LD/WG/10/5.
18. The Chair concluded that the Working Group:
  - (i) requested the Secretariat to consult with interested Contracting Parties of the Hague Agreement and other WIPO Member States, to clarify issues and relevant information so as to support the Working Group in its consideration of this matter at its next session; and
  - (ii) requested the Secretariat to provide a revised advanced study of the cost implications and technical feasibility of the introduction of new languages into the Hague System, taking into account technical solutions, in particular machine translation, for its consideration by the Working Group at its next session.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER MATTERS**

19. The International Bureau provided updates on:
  - (i) considerations for a possible new layout of the *International Designs Bulletin*;
  - (ii) new Hague Web services; and
  - (iii) Hague fee distribution reports and annual contribution invoices.
20. The Working Group took note of the updates.

## **AGENDA ITEM 9: SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR**

21. The Working Group approved the Summary by the Chair, as contained in the present document.

## **AGENDA ITEM 10: CLOSING OF THE SESSION**

22. The Chair closed the session on December 14, 2021.

**Administrative Instructions  
for the Application of the Hague Agreement**

(as in force on [April 1, 2022])

[...]

**Part Three  
Requirements Concerning Names and Addresses**

*Section 301: Names and Addresses*

[...]

(d) An address shall be given in such a way as to satisfy the customary requirements for prompt postal delivery and shall consist, at least, of all the relevant administrative units up to, and including, the house number, if any. In addition, a telephone number and ~~telefacsimile numbers, an e-mail address as well as a different address for correspondence~~ may be indicated.

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