

Special Union for the International Deposit of Industrial Designs (Hague Union)

Assembly

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REPORT

adopted by the Assembly

1. The Assembly was concerned with the following items of the Consolidated Agenda (document A/48/1): 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 32, 38 and 39.
2. The report on the said items, with the exception of item 32 is contained in the General Report (document A/48/26).
3. The report on item 32 is contained in the present document.
4. Mr. Li-Feng Schrock (Germany), Chair of the Assembly, presided over the meeting.

ITEM 32 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

HAGUE SYSTEM

5. Discussions were based on document H/A/29/1.
6. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed, in particular, Norway, which had joined the Hague Union since the session of the Assembly held in September 2009, and Azerbaijan, whose instrument of accession to the Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs had been received by the Director General, on September 8, 2010. The Chair further congratulated Serbia and Germany on their recent accession to the Geneva (1999) Act.
7. The Chair further informed the Assembly that Germany had communicated its consent to the termination of the London (1934) Act of the Hague Agreement. The other Contracting States to the London (1934) Act were reminded to communicate their respective consent to the termination, as specified in Note C. H 76, dated August 3, 2010, addressed to all the Contracting States to that Act. Furthermore, the Chair informed the Assembly that the denunciation of the London (1934) Act by Indonesia took effect on June 3, 2010, and that the denunciation by Switzerland of that Act would take effect on November 19, 2010.
8. In introducing the document, the Secretariat recalled that the IT Modernization Program was approved by the twenty-eighth session of the Assembly of the Hague Union in September 2009. Since then, steady progress has been made in its implementation, and the current document laid out how Phase II of the project would be pursued. The Secretariat also informed the Assembly that an electronic filing facility for renewals had been made available to selected users of the Hague system. The facility would be available to users by the end of 2010.
9. The Assembly:
 - (i) took note of the status of implementation of Phase I of the IT Modernization Program, as described in Annex II of document H/A/29/1;
 - (ii) took note of the implementation of Phase I activities that are specific to the Hague Union, as described in document H/A/29/1; and
 - (iii) took note of the revised schedule for the implementation of Phase II of the IT Modernization Program, as presented in Annex I of document H/A/29/1, with an expected completion date of December 2012.

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