

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/50/1): 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 31, 37, and 38.
2. The report on the said items, with the exception of item 31 is contained in the General Report (document A/50/18).
3. The report on item 31 is contained in the present document.
4. In the absence of the Chair of the Assembly, Ms. Alexandra Grazioli (Switzerland) Vice-Chair, presided over the meeting.

ITEM 31 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA: HAGUE SYSTEM

5. Discussions were based on document H/A/31/1.
6. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all the delegations of the Hague Union.
7. The Chair presented document H/A/31/1: Information Technology (IT) Modernization Program (Hague International Registration System): Progress Report. The document outlines progress on the IT Modernization Program since the last Assembly of the Hague Union. The document also serves to update Hague Union members on any change to the overall approach to the completion of the Program, as well as to notify any change to the Program schedule.
8. In presenting the document, the Chair reminded the Assembly of the transfer of the loan from the PCT Union to the Madrid Union for the financing of the Hague Union's contribution of the IT Modernization Program.
9. At the invitation of the Chair, the Secretariat gave an update on the latest development of the Hague system, including the new accessions by Montenegro, Tajikistan and Tunisia to the Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs.
10. The Secretariat further informed the Assembly that Spain had communicated its consent to the termination of the London (1934) Act of the Hague Agreement since the last session of the Assembly of the Hague Union held in September 2011. The other Contracting States to the London Act, which had not yet communicated their consent to the termination, were urged to do so.
11. The Secretariat recalled that the last session of the Assembly took the decision to establish a Working Group to address the legal development of the Hague system and reminded the delegations that the next meeting of the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs will take place from November 5 to 7, 2012.
12. The Assembly:
 - (i) took note of the status of implementation of Phase I of the Program;
 - (ii) took note of the progress of Phase II of the Program;
 - (iii) took note of the possibility of the reintroduction of Phase III of the Program;
and
 - (iv) took note of the transfer of the loan from the PCT Union to the Madrid Union.

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