

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

Eleventh Session
Geneva, December 12 to 14, 2022

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 12 and 13, 2022.
2. The following members of the Hague Union were represented at the session: Belarus, Botswana, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, European Union, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Kingdom, United States of America and Viet Nam (38).
3. The following States were represented as observers: Algeria, Australia, Bahrain, Colombia, Czech Republic, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sudan and United Republic of Tanzania (20).
4. Representatives of the following international intergovernmental organizations took part in the session in an observer capacity: Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) (1).

5. Representatives of (i) Palestine (1); (ii) Association of Trade Mark and Design Law Practitioners (APRAM), Brazilian Intellectual Property Association (ABPI), The Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA), China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), European Brands Association (AIM), European Community Trademark Association (ECTA), German Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (GRUR), International Trademark Association (INTA), Italian Industrial Property Consultants Institute (OCPI), Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) and MARQUES – The Association of European Trademark Owners (11); participated in an observer capacity.
6. The list of participants is contained in document H/LD/WG/11/INF/2 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 eleventh session of the Working Group and welcomed the participants.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

8. Ms. Dr. Athaliah Lesiba Molokomme (Botswana) was unanimously elected as Chair of the Working Group and Mr. Ngoc Lam Le (Viet Nam) was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.
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/11/1 Prov.).

AGENDA ITEM 4: CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO THE POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF CONTINUED PROCESSING OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

11. Discussions were based on document H/LD/WG/11/2.
 12. The Chair concluded that the Working Group requested that the International Bureau prepare, for discussion at its next session, a document proposing amendments to the Common Regulations for the introduction of continued processing of an international application, taking into account the comments made by delegations.

AGENDA ITEM 5: UPDATE ON THE SITUATION OF THE 1960 ACT

13. Discussions were based on document H/LD/WG/11/3.
 14. The Chair concluded that the Working Group requested that the International Bureau prepare, for discussion at its next session, a document on the possible freeze of the application of the 1960 Act.

AGENDA ITEM 6: REPORT FOLLOWING THE REQUEST IN PARAGRAPH 18(I) AND (II) OF DOCUMENT H/LD/WG/10/6 “SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR”

15. Discussions were based on documents H/LD/WG/10/4, H/LD/WG/10/5 and H/LD/WG/11/4.

16. The Chair concluded that the Working Group:

(i) took note of the “Study of the Availability and Usability of Translation Technologies”, contained in document H/LD/WG/11/4; and

(ii) requested that the International Bureau consult with interested Contracting Parties of the Hague Agreement and other WIPO Member States as well as with users’ organizations, and report back to the Working Group, at its next session, on those consultations.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER MATTERS

17. Discussions were based on document H/LD/WG/11/INF/1 Rev.

18. The Chair concluded that the Working Group took note of the content of the document.

AGENDA ITEM 8: SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

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

AGENDA ITEM 9: CLOSING OF THE SESSION

20. The Chair closed the eleventh session on December 13, 2022.

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