

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

**Twelfth Session**  
**Geneva, December 4 to 6, 2023**

### **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, from December 4 to 6, 2023.
2. The list of participants is contained in document H/LD/WG/12/INF/1.

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

3. Ms. Wang Binying, Deputy Director General, Brands and Designs Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), opened the twelfth session of the Working Group and welcomed the participants.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

4. The Working Group adopted the draft agenda, with one amendment concerning Item 7.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: PROPOSED SPECIAL RULES OF PROCEDURE**

5. The Working Group adopted, with immediate effect, the transitional measure described in paragraphs 14 to 16 of document H/LD/WG/12/2 and agreed to apply the General Rules of Procedure of WIPO to the future election of officers.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND TWO VICE-CHAIRS**

6. Ms. Le Thi Tuyet Mai (Viet Nam) was elected as Chair of the Working Group and Ms. Myrto Lambrou Maurer (Greece) and Mr. Michel Gonomy (OAPI) were elected as Vice-Chairs.
7. Mr. Hiroshi Okutomi (WIPO) acted as Secretary to the Working Group.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: FREEZE OF THE APPLICATION OF THE 1960 ACT**

8. Discussions were based on documents H/LD/WG/12/3, H/LD/WG/12/4 and H/LD/WG/12/5.
9. The Working Group considered favorably:
  - (i) the submission to the Assembly of the Hague Union, for decision, of a proposal to freeze the application of the 1960 Act, with the proposed date of effect of January 1, 2025;
  - (ii) the submission to the Assembly of the Hague Union, for adoption, of a proposal to amend the Common Regulations, as set out in the Annex to document H/LD/WG/12/4, with the same proposed date of entry into force as the date of effect of the freeze of the application of the 1960 Act; and
  - (iii) the amendments to Sections 101, 408, 701 and 901 of the Administrative Instructions, as set out in the Annex to document H/LD/WG/12/5, with the same date of entry into force as the date of effect of the freeze of the application of the 1960 Act and of entry into force of the consequential amendments to the Common Regulations referred to in subparagraph (ii), above.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: PROPOSAL FOR AMENDING RULE 14 OF THE COMMON REGULATIONS**

10. Discussions were based on document H/LD/WG/12/6.
11. The Working Group considered favorably the submission of a proposal to amend the Common Regulations with respect to Rule 14 and to the Schedule of Fees, as set out in the Annex to document H/LD/WG/12/6, for adoption, to the Assembly of the Hague Union, with a date of entry into force to be decided by the International Bureau.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: PROPOSAL FOR AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES**

12. Discussions were based on document H/LD/WG/12/7 Rev.
13. The Working Group requested the International Bureau to prepare, for discussion at a future session, a broader review of the Schedule of Fees of the Hague System, including an assessment of the impact of the revision of the Schedule of the Fees that will enter into force on January 1, 2024.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: REPORT ON CONSULTATIONS HELD FOLLOWING THE REQUEST IN PARAGRAPH 16(II) OF DOCUMENT H/LD/WG/11/5 “SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR”**

14. Discussions were based on document H/LD/WG/12/8.

15. In the spirit of promoting the Hague System, the Working Group agreed to continue discussions on the possible introduction of new Hague System languages.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER MATTERS**

16. No discussion took place under this item.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR**

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

**AGENDA ITEM 11: CLOSING OF THE SESSION**

18. The Chair closed the twelfth session on December 6, 2023.

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