

(iv) Matters Concerning the Convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Design Law Treaty (doc. WO/GA/55/4)

Madam Chair,

1. The CEBS Group took note of all statements made by the delegations on the proposal of the Delegation of the United States of America presented at the SCT 45 in March 2022. Having in mind the previous decision of the last General Assembly to continue considering the convening of a diplomatic conference on the Design Law Treaty at this on-going General Assembly, we would like to reiterate our preference that the remaining open areas of DLT should be further negotiated and resolved within General Assembly.
2. The DLT text has already been ready for many years, and the utmost flexibility demonstrated by our Group and some other Regional Groups over the past years could have brought us to the real outcome.
3. Despite all the efforts and attempts invested into finding a workable solution for a treaty that would provide enhanced protection for designs, as well as simplify and harmonize the existing registration procedures, regrettably we were not able to move forward with appropriate decision on convening the diplomatic conference.
4. We are aware that at the last General Assembly no substantive negotiations were held about DLT and new proposal named as “White Paper” was not substantively discussed. Therefore, we believe that this General Assembly will provide us with better opportunity to engage constructively in discussions on “White Paper” and achieve positive outcome on remaining open articles about disclosure requirement and technical assistance and capacity building in implementing the Treaty.
5. We reiterate the great importance our Group attaches to the DLT and we would like to once again demonstrate our constructive spirit in this process and we expect similar approach from other Member States. The CEBS Group would like to express our readiness to exchange the views on the new proposal and find a solution acceptable to all, which enables us to recommend convening of a Diplomatic Conference as soon as possible.
6. Thank you.