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### **Assembly**

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### **REPORT ON THE WORKING GROUP ON THE LEGAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE HAGUE SYSTEM FOR THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

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"), held its fourteenth session from October 6 to 8, 2025. Ms. Myrto Lambrou Maurer (Greece) acted as Chair of the Working Group. The Summary by the Chair is contained in document [H/LD/WG/14/10 Rev.](#)
2. The Working Group elected Ms. Elizabeth Jones (United Kingdom) as Chair of its fifteenth session.

#### **PRIORITY DOCUMENTS**

3. The Working Group took note of document [H/LD/WG/14/2](#), which contained a report on consultations undertaken by the International Bureau with Offices of Contracting Parties concerned regarding the exchange of priority documents in the context of the Hague System.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS**

4. The Working Group considered proposed amendments to the Regulations Under the Geneva Act (1999) of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”) for removing the mono-class requirement for filing multiple design applications (document [H/LD/WG/14/3](#)). The proposal seeks to increase the attractiveness of the Hague System by enhancing simplicity and flexibility for users while ensuring that Contracting Parties can maintain their current application requirements. The Working Group requested the International Bureau to prepare, for its fifteenth session, a further document on this subject, taking into account the comments made by delegations.

5. The Working Group also agreed to continue discussing, at its fifteenth session, a proposal by the Delegation of Brazil to introduce a new rule providing for the transmission of communications from offices to holders or recorded representatives through the International Bureau (document [H/LD/WG/14/9](#)).

## **NEW FORMATS OF DESIGN REPRESENTATION**

6. The Working Group discussed the enhancement of design representation formats based on documents [H/LD/WG/14/4](#) and [H/LD/WG/14/4 Corr.](#) The Working Group agreed to the enhancement of 2D image representations as described in the aforementioned documents and requested the International Bureau to create a forum for consultation with interested Contracting Parties regarding the implementation plan and technical details.

7. The Working Group also agreed to continue discussions at a future session regarding the possible introduction of 3D and video files as new formats of design representation.

## **ASSESSMENT OF FEE SCHEDULE IMPACT**

8. The Working Group continued the discussions on a revision of the Schedule of Fees of the Hague System, based on document [H/LD/WG/14/5](#). The Working Group requested the International Bureau to prepare, for a future session, a broader review of the Schedule of Fees of the Hague System, including an updated assessment of the impact of the revision of the Schedule of Fees that entered into force on January 1, 2024.

## **POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF NEW LANGUAGES**

9. The Working Group continued discussions on the possible introduction of new languages into the Hague System based on documents [H/LD/WG/7/5](#), [H/LD/WG/13/5](#), [H/LD/WG/14/6 Rev.](#), [H/LD/WG/14/7](#) and [H/LD/WG/14/8](#).

10. The Working Group requested the International Bureau to prepare, for its fifteenth session, documents providing possible options for reducing translation costs while maintaining quality, as well as optimizing translation practices, including for the possible introduction of new languages, and updating the study in document [H/LD/WG/11/4](#), taking into account newly available and applicable AI machine translation tools and technologies.

11. The Working Group also requested, for its fifteenth session, an updated financial analysis of the possible introduction of new languages, including, but not limited to, the reduction of costs under differentiated translation practice circumstances, and an assessment of outsourced translation costs based on different options and practices.

12. *The Assembly of the Hague Union is invited to take note of the "Report on the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs" (document H/A/46/1).*

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