

Patent Law Treaty (PLT)

Assembly

Eleventh (5th Ordinary) Session
Geneva, September 23 to October 2, 2013

REPORT

adopted by the Assembly

1. The Assembly was concerned with the following items of the Consolidated Agenda (document A/51/1): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 43, 47 and 48.
2. The reports on the said items, with the exception of item 43, are contained in the General Report (document A/51/20).
3. The report on item 43 is contained in the present document.
4. Mr. Emil Žatkuliak (Slovakia), was elected Chair of the Assembly; Mr. Wojciech Piatkowski (Poland) and Mr. Grega Kumer (United Kingdom) were elected Vice-Chairs.

ITEM 43 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

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5. Discussions were based on document PLT/A/11/1.

6. The Chair welcomed new Contracting parties which had acceded to or ratified the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) since the last PLT Assembly, namely, Armenia, Saudi Arabia, Spain and the United States of America.

7. The Secretariat stated that Article 16 of the PLT and the PLT Agreed Statements provided that the PLT Assembly had to decide whether amendments and modifications to Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the Regulations under the PCT and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT should apply for the purposes of the PLT. Document PLT/A/11/1 provided information regarding the amendments and modifications made under the PCT between June 2010 and January 2013, which, in view of the International Bureau, are relevant to certain provisions of the PLT. In addition, in order to align the PLT Model International Request Form with the PCT request Form, the document contained modifications, proposed by the International Bureau, to be made to the PLT Model International Request Form. The Secretariat noted that the PLT Assembly was invited to adopt the modified PLT Model International Request Form, and decide that the modifications in the PCT, as identified in the document, applied for the purposes of the PLT with immediate effect.

8. The Assembly:

(i) adopted the modified Model International Request Form as set out in the Annex of document PLT/A/11/1, and decided that it should enter into force with immediate effect; and

(ii) decided that the modifications of the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT indicated in document PLT/A/11/1 as applicable, applied for the purposes of the PLT and its Regulations, with immediate effect.

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