

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

**Fifteenth Session**  
**Geneva, October 26 to 28, 2026**

### **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 October 26 to 28, 2026.
2. The list of participants is contained in document [H/LD/WG/15/INF/1](#).

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

3. As Chair of the Working Group, Ms. Elizabeth Jones (United Kingdom) opened the session of the Working Group and welcomed the participants.
4. Mr. Shen Changyu, Deputy Director General, Brands and Designs Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), delivered the opening remarks.
5. Ms. Marie-Paule Rizo (WIPO) acted as Secretary to the Working Group.

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

6. The Working Group adopted the draft agenda (document [H/LD/WG/15/1 Prov.](#)).

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND TWO VICE-CHAIRS FOR THE SIXTEENTH SESSION**

7. The Working Group elected, for its sixteenth session, Ms. Lilyclaire Bellamy (Jamaica), as Chair of the Working Group.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: REVISED DOCUMENT PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS FOR REMOVING THE MONO-CLASS REQUIREMENT**

8. Discussions were based on documents [H/LD/WG/14/3](#), [H/LD/WG/15/2](#) and [H/LD/WG/15/2 Corr.](#)
9. The Working Group agreed to continue discussions on this matter at its next session.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORT ON THE TECHNICAL CONSULTATION ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF 2D IMAGE REPRESENTATION**

10. Discussions were based on document [H/LD/WG/15/3](#).
11. The Working Group took note of the contents of document H/LD/WG/15/3 and agreed that the Technical Forum should expand its consultations to include the technical details of the possible introduction of 3D and video files.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: REVISED PROPOSAL BY THE DELEGATION OF BRAZIL**

12. Discussions were based on documents [H/LD/WG/15/4](#) and [H/LD/WG/15/4 Corr.](#)
13. The Working Group considered favorably the submission to the Assembly of the Hague Union, for adoption, of a proposal to add a new Rule 20*bis* (1) to (3) to the Regulations, and to adjust the title of Chapter 3, as set out in the Annex to document H/LD/WG/15/4, with a date of entry into force to be decided by the International Bureau. The Working Group further agreed to discuss the interaction between proposed new Rule 20*bis* and Article 16(2) of the Geneva Act at its next session.

### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ABILITY TO FILE DESIGNS PER DESIGNATION IN AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**

14. Discussions were based on document [H/LD/WG/15/5](#).
15. The Working Group requested the International Bureau to prepare, for discussion at its next session, a document analyzing the implications of allowing applicants to file designs per designation and containing a proposal to amend the Regulations, taking into account the comments made by delegations.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF NEW LANGUAGES**

16. Discussions were based on documents [H/LD/WG/7/5](#), [H/LD/WG/13/5](#), [H/LD/WG/15/6](#) and [H/LD/WG/15/7](#).

17. In the spirit of promoting multilingualism in the Hague System, the Working Group recalled the proposals for the introduction of new Hague System languages, acknowledged the discussions conducted so far and the work undertaken, and agreed to continue discussions on the possible introduction of new Hague System languages at the next session.

18. The Working Group took note of document H/LD/WG/15/7 and requested the International Bureau to prepare, for its next session, documents providing:

- (i) an assessment of the deployment of large language models in the PCT translation process, as referred to in paragraphs 13 to 17 of document H/LD/WG/15/6, with a view to evaluating their potential relevance and possible future application to the Hague translation workflow; and
- (ii) a proposal for the introduction of a differentiated translation practice, as outlined in paragraphs 23 to 26 of document H/LD/WG/15/6, taking into account the experience of the Madrid System.

## **AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER MATTERS**

19. No discussion took place under this item.

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

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

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

21. The Chair closed the session on October 28, 2026.

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