

Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications

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MATTERS CONCERNING THE CONVENING OF A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A DESIGN LAW TREATY (DLT)

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1. At the occasion of its fifty-fifth (30th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from July 14 to 22, 2022, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) General Assembly considered matters concerning the convening of a diplomatic conference for the adoption of a Design Law Treaty (DLT) (document WO/GA/55/4).
2. In conclusion,
 - “The General Assembly:
 - a) considered the contents of document WO/GA/55/4;
 - b) decided to convene a Diplomatic Conference to conclude and adopt a Design Law Treaty to take place no later than 2024;
 - c) decided to convene a Preparatory Committee in the second half of 2023, to establish the necessary modalities of the Diplomatic Conference. The Preparatory Committee will consider at this time, the draft Rules of Procedure to be presented for adoption to the Diplomatic Conference, the list of invitees to participate in the conference, and the text of the draft letters of invitation, as well as any other document or organizational question relating to the Diplomatic Conference. The Preparatory Committee will also approve the Basic Proposal for the administrative and final provisions of the Treaty;
 - d) welcomed with gratitude the offer by some Member States to host the Diplomatic Conference no later than 2024;

e) directed the SCT to meet in a special session for five days in the second half of 2023, preceding the Preparatory Committee, to further close any existing gaps to a sufficient level. It is understood that the Preparatory Committee will invite Observer Delegations and Observers;

f) agreed that documents SCT/35/2 and SCT/35/3 as well as the 2019 proposal considered by the WIPO General Assembly, on draft Articles and Regulations on Industrial Design Law and Practice, will constitute the substantive articles of the Basic Proposal for the Diplomatic Conference. The Preparatory Committee shall incorporate in the Basic Proposal such further agreements of the SCT as are reached pursuant to paragraph (e) above, with the understanding that any Member State and the Special Delegation of the European Union may make proposals at the Diplomatic Conference” (document A/63/9, paragraph 27).”

3. *The SCT is invited to take note of the contents of the present document.*

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