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Delegations will find at annex, for information, the EU/Member States statement as delivered at the above-mentioned WIPO meeting.

**Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System
for the International Registration of Industrial Designs
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(WIPO, Geneva, 6–8 October 2025)

Agenda item 5

Proposed amendments to the Regulations for removing the mono-class requirement

(H/LD/WG/14/3)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for the proposed amendments to the Regulations. We particularly welcome this proposal to remove the mono-class requirement. We support these amendments as they will reduce the administrative complexity for applicants and facilitate the use of the Hague System.
2. It is also important to consider the particularities added by the digital environment, as the Secretariat points out in its document, when considering the physical form of a product and its digital elements, such as graphical user interfaces, as part of the same design.
3. The proposed amendments seem to us the right way forward.
4. As we would need some more time to finalise our adaptation to this change, we propose that the amendments to the Regulations with respect to Rules 7 and 33, as well as the new Rule 8bis, enter into force in January 2028, which would delay the date proposed by the Secretariat only by a few months.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6

New formats on design representation

(H/LD/WG/14/4)

Chair,

1. The European Union and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the analysis of the replies to the questionnaire on formats of representation of designs. It is a very informative document about the state of play on the introduction of new formats in the different jurisdictions and it lays a good basis to continue discussions on this topic.
2. We consider that the acceptance of new formats is key in order to modernise the Hague System. Therefore, we would be in favour of exploring the future inclusion of new or future forms of visual representation.
3. Chair, we remain interested to hear the opinions of other participants of the Working Group. The EU and its Member States look forward to further discussions on this issue.

Thank you.

Agenda item 7

Assessment of the impact of the revision of the schedule of fees that entered into force on January 1, 2024

(H/LD/WG/14/5)

No statement delivered.

Agenda item 8

Possible introduction of new languages

(H/LD/WG/14/6, H/LD/WG/14/7 and H/LD/WG/14/8)

Chair,

1. The European Union and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the documents in support of this agenda point. The documents provide valuable information and require careful consideration.
2. We reaffirm our support to multilingualism. We also understand that the introduction of any new language in the system must represent an advantage and not a burden to the users of the system.
3. We consider that the updated statistics and the updated financial analysis of the introduction of new languages provide useful data when deciding on the introduction of any new language based on objective criteria. At the same time, it seems to us that the introduction of new languages into various systems should be done gradually. This would allow us to assess the outcomes before taking any further steps and to ensure the stability of the international registration systems.

4. In this regard, we consider that this progressivity should also apply to the introduction of the differentiated translation practice. As noted by the International Bureau, this practice has been recently introduced in the Madrid System and is being developed in successive phases within that system. We consider that the introduction of such practice in the Hague System would be premature at the moment. We would therefore prefer to assess its results within the Madrid System before making any decision here. This adds up to the fact that, in the case of the Hague System, the percentage of text that needs to be translated by WIPO Translate remains high (63 per cent) compared to the Madrid System (25 to 30 per cent), which could lead to a decrease in quality if no post-edition is undertaken.
5. Chair, we are convinced that maintaining a good functioning of the Hague System services should remain a key priority, and you can count in this respect on the support of the EU and its Member States.

Thank you.
