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Summary conclusions

1. *Election of the Chairman of the General Assembly 2012 – 2013*

The General Assembly noted that, according to the practice of yearly rotation among the geographic regions into which the UNIDROIT membership is divided in accordance with Article 7(5)ter of the UNIDROIT Regulations, it would have been for the Asian group of States to nominate the Chairman for the period 2012-2013.

In view of the unexpected unavailability of the representative of the Asian member State which, following consultation with the Secretariat, had indicated its readiness to chair the Assembly for the period and the lack of time for conducting alternative consultations with other Asian member States, the General Assembly re-appointed H.E. Mr Juan Prieto, Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia in Italy, as Chairman for the period 2012-2013, thanking him for his willingness to exercise the function for a second term.

2. *Adoption of the agenda (A.G. (71) 1 rev.2)*

The General Assembly adopted the agenda as proposed.

3. *Statement regarding the Organisation's activity in 2012 (A.G. (71) 2)*

The General Assembly took note with interest of the Secretary-General's statement regarding the Organisation's activity in 2012.

The General Assembly commended the Secretary-General and the Governing Council for having drawn up a revised Strategic Plan for UNIDROIT (A.G. (71) INF. 2) and requested the Secretariat to circulate the document to member States for comments.

The General Assembly took note of the steps taken by the Secretary-General to implement Resolution 1 of the Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the draft Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Space Assets (Berlin, 27 February-9 March 2012) relating to the Setting Up of the Preparatory Commission for the Establishment of the International Registry for Space Assets. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to inform member States in due course of the final composition of the Preparatory Commission.

4. Report of the Finance Committee on its 72nd session (AG/Comm. Finances (72) 10)

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Finance Committee on its 72nd session.

5. Final modifications to the Budget and approval of the Accounts for the 2011 financial year (A.G. (71) 3)

The General Assembly noted that no final modifications were needed to the 2011 Budget and approved the Accounts for 2011.

6. Adjustments to the budget for the 2012 financial year (A.G. (71) 4)

The General Assembly took note of the information on the implementation of the 2012 Budget.

7. Arrears in contributions of member States (A.G. (71) 5)

The General Assembly took note of the steps being taken by the Secretariat to reduce arrears in the contributions of certain member States.

8. Financial situation of inactive member States (A.G. (71) 6)

The General Assembly took note of the Government of Paraguay's stated intention fully to abide by its financial obligations toward the Institute with a view to reacquiring its rights as a member of UNIDROIT once it had settled its contribution to the UNIDROIT Budget for four consecutive years.

9. Classification of member States in the UNIDROIT contributions chart (A.G. (71) 7)

The General Assembly adopted Resolution (71)1, which adopted the revised chart for the apportionment of the contributions of member States to the regular UNIDROIT budget, but suspending the reclassification of Portugal and Spain in the contributions chart until the next revision of the contributions chart by the General Assembly in accordance with Article 16 of the Statute of UNIDROIT. The Assembly requested the Finance Committee, in accordance with its mandate, to review in 2014 the current methodology for the classification of member States and consider possible enhancements, bearing in mind the principle of capacity to pay, and to make recommendations to the General Assembly in due course.

10. Approval of the draft budget for 2013 and fixing of the contributions of member States for that financial year (A.G. (71) 8)

The General Assembly approved the draft budget for 2013.

The General Assembly took note of the efforts undertaken by the Government of Italy to stabilise the level of that Government's contribution and include it among the obligatory expenditure of the budget of the Italian State.

11. Amendment to the UNIDROIT regulations on financial matters (A.G. (71) 9)

The General Assembly approved the proposed amendments to Articles 23 to 38, 50 of, and Annex II to, the UNIDROIT Regulations, as well as to Article 2 of the Rules Governing the Working Capital Fund, as set forth in document A.G. (71) 9, with the corrections set forth in document and A.G. (71) 9 Add.

12. Periodicity of General Assembly sessions (A.G. (71) 1 rev.)

The General Assembly invited the Governing Council to continue making use of the authority given to it by Article 16 of the UNIDROIT Regulations to request representatives of member Governments that have no nationals sitting on the Council to attend its meetings in a consultative capacity.

The General Assembly agreed that there was no need for convening spring sessions of the Assembly, but requested the Secretariat to publish a summary of the Governing Council deliberations as soon as feasible after the Council's session.

13. Request of observer status for UNIDROIT with the United Nations (A.G. (71) 1 rev.)

The General Assembly took note of the intention of the Secretary-General to apply for observer status for UNIDROIT with the United Nations and invited all member States that were also member States of the United Nations to favourably consider the possibility of supporting that request at the United Nations.