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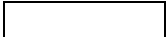
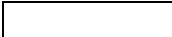

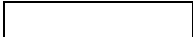
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Item No. 21 on the Agenda : The UNILAW Data Base

(prepared by the Secretariat)

<i>Summary</i>	<i>The document illustrates developments in the preparation of the UNILAW data base</i>
<i>Action to be taken</i>	<i>Council members are requested to assist the staff working on the data base</i>
<i>Related document</i>	<i>Implementation of the Strategic Plan (C.D. (87) 6, p. 11 and 15)</i>

DISCUSSION LEADING PARAMETERS AS PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARIAT

Priority	 high	 medium	 low	 to be determined
Problems to be overcome	Insufficient resources and accordingly slower progress than expected; open policy issues			
Staffing implications	1 Officer (part time) 0.5 Clerical assistant			
Budget implications	Lead officer funded under regular budget; clerical assistant funded by private donors; financial assistance through contributions of the Uniform Law Foundation (in 2007, euro 27,500)			

1. INTRODUCTION

1. It is recalled that the decision to set up a data base on uniform law was taken by the Governing Council of UNIDROIT in 1994, when it decided that the Institute should become a “centre of excellence”, a focal point for uniform law concentrating information on how uniform law instruments are applied in practice. It should be pointed out that the philosophy of the data base has always been that the product offered by the data base should have considerable value added: the material should be analysed and classified.

2. STATE OF DEVELOPMENT

2. A summary of the state of development of the insertion of materials in the data base as at the time of writing (12 March 2008), is to be found in Annex 1 to this document. As this is an on-going process, an oral update will be given at the Council session as well as a demonstration. The intention is to update the software before the Council session to accommodate the additional sections and materials.

3. In addition to the materials pertinent to the international conventions which it is intended should be given full treatment, a number of new sections and additional materials have been prepared. These include:

- lists of the cases collected for the different conventions (in pdf);
- links to articles on case law;
- the text of protocols to the different conventions (in pdf);
- a section with summaries of the judicial systems of a number of countries (the assistance of members of the Council in checking these summaries is gratefully acknowledged) (in pdf);
- indications of editors and collaborators (in pdf); and
- a list of useful links(in pdf)

3. ASSISTANCE

4. In 2007 relations were established with the following:

Mr Adam GOLDSCHMIDT, Senior Legal Advisor, Maersk Broker, Copenhagen (Denmark), and Dr Georgios PANOPOULOS, Attorney, Dimitrakopoulou & Partners Law Firm, Athens (Greece).

5. As regards interns, in 2007 five interns were welcomed, Mr Francesco CHATELLI (Italy), Ms Anja HAUTH (Germany), Ms Estela PEREIRA ARROYO (Spain), Mr Laurent RAMETTE (France), and Mr Alexander WULF (Germany). Mr Ramette and Ms Pereira Arroyo stayed into 2008, and were joined by Ms Denise LABAL (Argentina).

6. At a clerical level, the contribution of Ms Judit KISELY is gratefully acknowledged.

SUMMARY OF THE STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNILAW DATABASE AS AT 12 MARCH 2008

ANNEX/ANNEXE 1

INSTRUMENT	TEXT	Issues	KEYWORDS	BIBLIOGRAPHY	No. CASES COLLECTED AS AT 12.3.2008*
1956 CMR	Inserted E/F and visible	Done E/F	Done E/F	Classified and inserted progressively	1,425 369 of which fully analysed and accessible
1929 Warsaw	Inserted E/F not visible	Done E/F	Done E/F	Bibliography on Air Transport inserted, but still to be linked to keywords and bibliographic areas	434
1929 Warsaw as amended by the 1975 Montreal Protocol I	Inserted E/F not visible	Being prepared E/F	Being prepared E/F		
1929 Warsaw as amended by the 1955 Hague Protocol	Inserted E/F not visible	Being prepared E/F	Being prepared E/F		
1929 Warsaw as amended by the 1955 Hague Protocol and the 1975 Montreal Protocol II	Inserted E/F not visible	Being prepared E/F	Being prepared E/F		
1929 Warsaw as amended by the 1955 Hague Protocol and the 1975 Montreal Protocol IV	Inserted E/F not visible	Being prepared E/F	Being prepared E/F		
1999 Montreal	Inserted E/F not visible	Done E/F – being checked	Done E/F – being checked		3
1978 Hamburg Rules	Inserted E/F not visible	Done E/F – being checked	Done E/F – being checked	Bibliography on Sea Transport inserted, but still to be linked to keywords and bibliographic areas	23
1952 Brussels Arrest		Being prepared	Being prepared		58
1924 Hague Rules	Inserted E/F not visible	Done E/F – being checked	Done E/F – being checked		366
1968 Hague-Visby Rules	Inserted E/F not visible	Done E/F – being checked	Done E/F – being checked		
2001 Cape Town Convention	Inserted E/F not visible	Inserted E/F not visible	Inserted E/F not visible	Bibliography inserted, but still to be linked to keywords and bibliographic areas	-
2001 Aircraft Protocol CT	Inserted E/F not visible	Being prepared	Being prepared		-
2007 Rail Protocol	Inserted E/F not visible				-
1995 Cultural Property	Inserted E/F not visible	Done E/F	Done E/F	Bibliography inserted, but still to be linked to keywords and bibliographic areas	2
1988 Leasing	Inserted E/F not visible	Done E/F – being checked	Done E/F – being checked		2
1988 Factoring	Inserted E/F not visible	Done E/F – being checked	Done E/F – being checked		1

* Single cases have been collected for a number of conventions not in the above table.