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Item No. 14 on the agenda: The UNIDROIT web site and Depository Libraries for UNIDROIT documentation

(Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat)

<i>Summary</i>	<i>Developments concerning the UNIDROIT web site and depository libraries for UNIDROIT documentation</i>
<i>Action to be taken</i>	<i>The Governing Council is invited to continue to confirm the continued priority of the web site as a valuable means of disseminating and promoting UNIDROIT'S activities</i>
<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Work Programme 2006-2010</i>
<i>Priority level</i>	<i>High</i>
<i>Status</i>	<i>Ongoing activity</i>
<i>Related documents</i>	<i>Annual Report 2009 (C.D. (89) 2, pp. 22 and 23))</i>

BACKGROUND

I. UNIDROIT web site <<http://www.unidroit.org>>

1. The UNIDROIT Internet web site, fully bilingual in English and French, continues to be an extremely effective means of disseminating information on UNIDROIT and promoting its activities and instruments. In January 2010 the results of a web search on www.altavista.com indicated that some 46,300 web pages contained a link to the UNIDROIT website. The links on the web site's main page have been rearranged and concentrated on the side navigation bar. The content of the web site, which continues to be incremented, now includes over 3000 files in pdf and htm format. A recent major addition to the web site has been the lists of the titles of all UNIDROIT studies issued since the foundation of the Institute with links to the actual documents, where available, in electronic format. A subject index to all UNIDROIT studies has been posted on the web site. For a more detailed description of the content of the UNIDROIT web site see Annexe I.

II. Depository Libraries for UNIDROIT documentation

2. To date, 51 libraries in 45 member States have been designated depositories for UNIDROIT documentation (*UNIDROIT Proceedings and Papers* on CD-ROM, the *Uniform Law Review*, New Series and other UNIDROIT publications on request). For the list of the Depository Libraries see Annexe II.

III. *UNIDROIT Proceedings and Papers* on CD-ROM

3. An update of the CD-ROM containing *UNIDROIT Proceedings and Papers* to include material issued in 2009 is under preparation and will be provided free of charge to the depository libraries for UNIDROIT documentation in the member States and to members of the Governing Council.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

4. *The Governing Council is invited to confirm the continued priority of the web site as a valuable means of disseminating and promoting UNIDROIT's activities and instruments.*

ANNEXE I

Content of the UNIDROIT internet web site

- **“News and events”**: the web site’s opening page containing the annual calendar of meetings organised or to be organised by UNIDROIT as well as meetings being organised on UNIDROIT’s work;
- **“About UNIDROIT”**: an introduction to the Institute providing general information on its membership, including contact information concerning the national authority in each member State responsible for relations with UNIDROIT, structure, legislative policy, working methods, current work programme including non-legislative activities such as its scholarship programme and publishing activities as well as a list of its past achievements;
- an area of the web site accessible by password reserved to the **Governments of member States of UNIDROIT**;
- an area of the web site accessible by password reserved to the **Governing Council**;
- **“UNIDROIT instruments”**: a section of the web site containing:
 - the texts of **UNIDROIT Conventions** as well as information on the technical assistance States may need in implementing those conventions; also included are the relative explanatory reports, the status reports on the state of ratifications of and accessions to those conventions and the texts of the declarations deposited with UNIDROIT under the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and under the Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment;
 - the integral version of the **UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts (2004)** in English, French and Italian as well as the black letter rules in Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, German, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese;
 - the black letter rules of the **ALI/UNIDROIT Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure (2004)** in English and French as well as in Chinese, German, Japanese, Persian and Turkish;
 - the **UNIDROIT Model Law on Leasing (2008)**;
 - the **Model Franchise Disclosure Law (2002) and Explanatory Report** as well as a regularly updated version of Annex 3 to the **UNIDROIT Guide to International Master Franchise Arrangements** on “Legislation and Regulations Relevant to Franchising”;
- **“Work in Progress”**: a section of the web site containing documents and information relating to the following items on the Work Programme: Principles of International Commercial Contracts (Study L), Preliminary draft Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Space Assets (Study LXXII J), Preparation of Principles and Rules Capable of Enhancing Trading in Securities on Emerging Markets (Study LXXVIII)
- **“UNIDROIT Studies”**:
 - lists of the titles of all UNIDROIT studies issued since the foundation of the Institute with links to the full text of those studies where available in electronic format: at present all UNIDROIT studies issued since 1997 as well as the pre-1997 preparatory work leading up to the Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects (Rome, 1995) and the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Cape Town, 2001);

- a subject index to all UNIDROIT studies;
- **“Institutional documents”**: since 1997 the Annual Reports on the activity of the Institute, the reports on the annual sessions of the General Assembly of Member States of UNIDROIT, and the Conclusions reached by the Governing Council of UNIDROIT at its annual sessions;
- **“UNIDROIT publications”**:
 - a list of all UNIDROIT publications in print available for purchase from UNIDROIT as well as the table of contents and leading article of each issue of the *Uniform Law Review* New Series;
 - the full text on-line edition of *UNIDROIT Proceedings and Papers* 1997 to present containing the Annual Reports on the activity of the Institute, the decisions taken by the Governing Council at its annual sessions, the reports on the annual sessions of the General Assembly of UNIDROIT member States, the final texts of instruments prepared under the auspices of UNIDROIT, documents concerning current work on instruments adopted as well as the preparatory work, consisting of the studies and reports of the various working groups and committees of governmental experts, on items on the UNIDROIT Work Programme;
- **“Depository Libraries for UNIDROIT Documentation”**: a list of libraries in UNIDROIT member States serving as depositories for UNIDROIT documentation;
- links to the on-line databases **UNILAW** (www.unidroit.info), **UNILEX** (www.unilex.info), and the **catalogue of the UNIDROIT library** (library.unidroit.org);
- **“Legal cooperation and research scholarships”**: general information on UNIDROIT’s activities in the field of legal co-operation and technical assistance;
- **“Internships and secondments”**: general information on the Secretariat’s policy concerning acceptance of requests for internships and secondments at UNIDROIT.

APPENDIX II

Depository Libraries for UNIDROIT Documentation

- Argentina: Corte Suprema de Justicia de la Nación, Secretaría de Investigación de Derecho comparado
- Australia: National Library of Australia
- Austria: Universität Wien, Universitäts Bibliothek, Fachbereichsbibliothek Rechtswissenschaften (replacing the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek)
- Belgium: Ministry of Justice
- Bolivia: Biblioteca Central de la Cancillería de la República, Montevideo
- Brazil: Serviço de Biblioteca e documentação - SBD, Universidad de São Paulo, Faculdade de Direito
- Bulgaria: Bulgarian National Library "St. Cyrill and St. Methodius"
- Canada : Nahum Gelber Law Library, McGill University
Canada: University of British Columbia Law Library
- Chile: Diplomatic Academy
- People's Republic of China: Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)
- Colombia: Biblioteca Luis Angel Arango
- Czech Republic: Ministerstvo průmyslu a obchodu
- Egypt: Documentation Center, General Directorate of International and Cultural Co-operation, Ministry of Justice
- Estonia: National Library of Estonia
- Finland: Eduskunnan Kirjasto
- France: Bibliothèque Inter-universitaire Cujas
- Germany: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Abteilung Amtsdrukschriften und Internationaler Amtlicher Schriftentausch
- Greece: Library of the Hellenic Institute of International and Foreign Law
- Holy See: Biblioteca della Facoltà di Giurisprudenza, Libera Università Maria Ss. Assunta, (Rome)
- Hungary: Library of the Hungarian Parliament
- India: Library of the Indian Society of International Law
- Indonesia: Departemen Luar Negeri (Directorate for Economic, Social and Cultural Treaties Affairs, Directorate General of Legal and Treaties Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Ireland: National Library of Ireland
- Japan: Ministry of Justice Library (Branch of National Diet Library)
- Latvia: Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia

- Luxembourg: Bibliothèque Nationale
Luxembourg: Centre Universitaire de Luxembourg
- Malta: Library Services, University of Malta
- Mexico: Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, México City
Mexico: Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional Privado y Comparado, México City
Mexico: Biblioteca Loyola, Universidad Iberoamericana Tijuana
- Netherlands: Library of the Ministry of Justice
- Norway: Det juridiske fakultetsbibliotek, Universitetsbiblioteket i Oslo
- Poland: Sejm Library
- Portugal: Serviço de Biblioteca e Documentação Diplomática do Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros - Instituto Diplomático
Portugal: Gabinete de Documentação e Direito Comparado, Procuradoria Geral da República
- Republic of Korea: Library of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS)
- Romania: Biblioteca Nationala
- Russian Federation: Library of the Russian Academy of Foreign Trade
- Slovak Republic: Právnická fakulta Trnavskej Univerzity
- Slovenia (Republic of): National and University Library
- South Africa: Library of the Department of Justice, Directorate: Internal Affairs
- Spain: Universidad San Pablo CEU
- Sweden: Library of the Swedish Parliament
- Switzerland: Library of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law
- Turkey: Library, Banca ve Ticaret Hukuku Arastirma Enstitüsü, Hukuk Fakültesi, Ankara Üniversitesi
- United Kingdom: Library of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
- United States of America: Arthur W. Diamond Law Library, Columbia University in the City of New York
United States of America: Underwood Law Library, Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University
- Uruguay: Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de la República