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То:	Delegations
Subject:	10th session (hybrid) of the WIPO Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System for the International Registration of Designs (Geneva, 13-15 December 2021)
	- Final EU/Member Sates statement

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

This statement was prepared and finalised in the context of the on-the-spot coordination in Geneva on the margins of the WIPO Working Group.

10th Session (hybrid) of the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System for the International Registration of Designs

WIPO, Geneva, 13 – 15 December 2021

Possible Introduction of New Languages into the Hague System

(H/LD/WG/10/4 and H/LD/WG/10/5)

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Chair,

- The European Union and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the updates on the possible introduction of new languages into the Hague system. We appreciate all the relevant new information contained in documents H/LD/WG/10/4 and H/LD/WG/10/5.
- 2. We welcome the new working documents as a basis for further discussions on this matter. In this context, we stress our view that maintaining well-functioning Hague system services is key. We support continuing to further explore the best possible way forward with special consideration given to the impact on fees and the convenience for users.
- Chair, while we believe that further information is needed, the EU and its Member States stand ready to continue discussions on the basis of the new working documents prepared by the Secretariat.

Thank you.