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SUMMARY REPORT

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Opening of the session

1. The 68th session of the General Assembly was held at the headquarters of UNIDROIT on 22 June 2011 and was attended by the diplomatic representatives in Italy of 34 member States (*cf.* the list of participants in Appendix I).
2. The *President of the Institute*, Mr Alberto Mazzoni, welcomed the delegates to the Assembly meeting, which was chaired by *H.E. Ms Thenjiwe E. Mtintso*, Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa in Italy, and Chairperson of the General Assembly for the period 2010-2011.

Item No. 1 on the Agenda – Adoption of the Agenda (A.G. (68) 1)

3. The draft agenda was adopted as proposed (*cf.* Appendix II).

Item No. 2 on the Agenda – Report on the 90th session of the Governing Council and outlook for 2011 (C.D. (90) Misc 3)

4. The *Secretary-General*, Mr Estrella Faria, referred to the Summary of the conclusions of the 90th session of the Governing Council (C.D. (90) Misc 3). He noted in particular the deliberations of the Governing Council concerning the updating of the Organisation's strategic objectives, and the request addressed to the Secretariat to prepare a revised version of the Strategic Plan, taking into account the Council's deliberations.
5. The General Assembly concurred with the Governing Council in stressing the desirability of involving all member States in the monitoring of the progress made in the implementation of the Work Programme. The General Assembly welcomed the decision taken by the Council to make systematic 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.

Item No. 3 on the Agenda – Progress in the implementation of the Work Programme of the Organisation (2011-2013) (A.G. (67) 9 Rev.)

6. The *Secretary-General* presented the Governing Council's recommendations in respect of the Work Programme and the progress made by the Secretariat in implementing them.

7. The Assembly was informed, in particular, that the Council had agreed to authorise the Secretariat to transmit the text of the revised preliminary draft Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on Matters specific to Space Assets established at the fifth session of the Committee of governmental experts, as a draft Protocol, to a diplomatic Conference (lasting a full two weeks) for adoption, in the first quarter of 2012, at a venue to be settled upon by the Council, in the light of the latest information available to it.

8. The Secretary-General also informed the Assembly the Council had adopted, by acclamation, the third edition of the Principles (to be known as "UNIDROIT Principles 2010") and had authorised its publication and promotion world-wide.

9. The Assembly was informed of the request addressed by the Council to the President of UNIDROIT to proceed with convening a follow-up committee in accordance with Article 20 of the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects.

10. The Secretary-General informed the Assembly of the steps and procedure envisaged by the Secretariat with a view to carrying out the various activities under the Work Programme of the Organisation, in particular of the progress recorded by the Secretariat in connection with the preparation of principles and rules on the netting of financial instruments, and the planned consultations on rules and principles to enhance securities trading in emerging markets, private law and agriculture, liability in connection with GNSS services and a possible fourth Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on agricultural, construction and mining equipment.

Item No. 4 on the Agenda – Classification of member States in the UNIDROIT contributions chart (F.C. (69) 3)

11. The Assembly was informed that, at its 69th session (Rome, 24 February 2011), the Finance Committee, had reviewed the classification of each member State in the contributions chart of the Organisation, as had been requested by the General Assembly at its 67th session (Rome, 1 December 2010).

12. The Assembly was informed that the current methodology for the classification of member States in the UNIDROIT contributions chart in accordance with Article 16, paragraph 3, of the UNIDROIT Statute, was the result of a decision taken by the General Assembly of UNIDROIT at its 52nd session (Rome, 27 November 1998), when the Assembly resolved to adopt a classification methodology proposed by the Secretariat and approved by the Finance Committee at its 51st session (Rome, 6 October 1998). According to that decision, member States of UNIDROIT were currently classified in eight categories plus a special category, each corresponding to a specific range of contributions payable by those States to the United Nations budget.

13. The Assembly was further informed that the Finance Committee, in the light of the current scale of assessments of the United Nations, which was adopted by Resolution No. A/RES/64/248 of 23 December 2009, had established that fourteen member States of UNIDROIT should be placed in a category higher than the category in which they were currently classified. Those States had been informed accordingly and requested to submit their comments or alternative proposals by 20 June 2011.

14. The Assembly was also informed that the Finance Committee would submit its proposal for the revision to the contributions chart for adoption by the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 16 of the Statute at its 69th session, to be held later in 2011. The relevant resolution of the General Assembly required the approval of a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting. States that were not in a position to accept the reclassification would have an opportunity to propose alternative solutions to the General Assembly, for example the postponement of the reclassification by one year or a temporary classification at an intermediate level.

Item No. 5 on the Agenda –Date of the 69th session of the General Assembly

(A.G. (68) 1)

15. The Assembly decided to hold its 69th session on 1 December 2011.

Item No. 6 on the Agenda – Any other business

16. The *President of the General Assembly* expressed her concern at the slow pace of payment of assessed contributions for the current financial year, as well as at the growing level of arrears that had been accumulated by various States. While expressing her understanding for the financial constraints faced by countries, she invited all member States to make all possible efforts to settle their financial obligations promptly and fully.

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APPENDIX II**AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report on the 90th session of the Governing Council (Rome, 9-11 May 2011) and outlook for 2011
3. Progress in the implementation of the Work Programme of the Organisation (2011-2013), as approved by the General Assembly (A.G. (67) 9 Rev.)
4. Classification of member States in the UNIDROIT Contributions Chart
5. Date of the 69th session of the General Assembly
6. Any other business