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(memorandum prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

<i>Summary</i>	<i>Developments concerning the UNIDROIT web site and UNIDROIT Depository Libraries</i>
<i>Action to be taken</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Related document</i>	<i>C.D. (84) 4</i>

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

The UNIDROIT Internet web site, fully bilingual in English and French, continues to be an extremely effective means of promoting UNIDROIT's activities and its instruments.

Development of the UNIDROIT web site continues. The contents of the site have been substantially enlarged and many of its pages updated and/or replaced in order to provide an up-to-date, comprehensive overview of UNIDROIT's activities. For a brief description of the contents see APPENDIX I to this memorandum.

A major addition to the web site in 2004 was the documents contained in the *UNIDROIT Proceedings and Papers* series for the years 1997 to 2004, that is the Annual Reports on the activities of the Institute, the reports on the annual sessions of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, the reports on the annual sessions of the General Assembly of UNIDROIT member States, the documents concerning work on instruments already adopted as well as the preparatory work, consisting of the studies and reports of study groups and committees of governmental experts, on items on the UNIDROIT Work Programme.

II. Depository Libraries for UNIDROIT documentation

To date 44 libraries world-wide have been designated by Member States to serve as depositories for UNIDROIT documentation (*UNIDROIT Proceedings and Papers* on CD-ROM and the *Uniform Law Review*, New Series) (See APPENDIX II to this memorandum).

III. UNIDROIT Proceedings and Papers

A cumulative edition of *UNIDROIT Proceedings and Papers* for the years 1997 to 2004 (on CD-ROM) is under preparation. It will be provided free of charge to depository libraries in member States and to members of the Governing Council.

APPENDIX I

CONTENTS OF THE UNIDROIT INTERNET WEB SITE

- A **Presentation of UNIDROIT**, providing general information on the Institute, its membership, working methods, current work programme, including non-legislative activities, such as the scholarships programme and publications, as well as a list of past achievements;
- A list of **member States** of UNIDROIT as well as addresses and contact information for the national authority in each member State responsible for relations with UNIDROIT;
- **UNIDROIT instruments**
 - The texts of **UNIDROIT Conventions** as well as status reports on the status of ratifications of, and accessions to those Conventions and bibliographies thereon;
 - The text of the **Model Franchise Disclosure Law** and the **Explanatory Report** thereon, as well as an updated version of Annex 3 to the *UNIDROIT Guide to International Master Franchise Arrangements* on "Legislation and Regulations Relevant to Franchising";
 - The text of the black letter rules of the **UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts (2004)**;
- The current **UNIDROIT Work Programme**, with the following sub-sections devoted to specific items thereon:
 - Principles of International Commercial Contracts** (Study L): texts of the five new chapters (Authority of Agents; Third Party Rights; Assignment of Rights, Transfer of Obligations and Assignment of Contracts; Set-off; Limitation Periods) and two new provisions (Inconsistent Behaviour; Release by Agreement) included in the new 2004 edition of the UNIDROIT Principles;
 - International interests in mobile equipment** (Study LXXII): the preliminary draft Protocol on Matters specific to Railway Rolling Stock and the preliminary draft Protocol on Matters specific to Space Assets, an overview of the development of work within UNIDROIT on international interests in mobile equipment as well as a select bibliography on secured transactions;
 - Principles and Rules of Transnational Civil Procedure** (Study LXXVI): this section contains the draft Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure as well as brief reports on the work of the ALI/UNIDROIT Working Group for the Preparation of Principles and Rules of Transnational Civil Procedure;
 - Transactions on transnational and connected capital markets** (Study LXXVIII): the preliminary draft Convention on Harmonised Substantive Rules regarding Securities held with an Intermediary, Explanatory Notes thereto, a selection of documents issued in connection with UNIDROIT's work on Securities held with an intermediary and links to related Internet resources;
- **UNIDROIT News**, a section of the *Uniform Law Review* providing information on the current events and activities of UNIDROIT;
- A section providing information on **UNIDROIT publications**, which includes the table of contents and leading article of each issue of the *Uniform Law Review*;
- **UNIDROIT Proceedings and Papers 1997-2004** (full text on-line edition);

- A list of **Depository Libraries for UNIDROIT documentation**;
- Links to the **UNILAW** and **UNILEX data bases**;
- A section devoted to **UNIDROIT's activities in the field of legal co-operation** (a programme of scholarships and assistance to States in the preparation of uniform law instruments);
- General information on the **UNIDROIT Library**; the catalogue of the Gorla Collection.

APPENDIX II

Depository Libraries for UNIDROIT Documentation

- Argentina: Corte Suprema de Justicia de la Nación, Secretaría de Investigación de Derecho comparado, Buenos Aires
- Australia: National Library of Australia <<http://www.nla.gov.au/>>
- Austria: Oesterreichische Nationalbibliothek <<http://www.onb.ac.at/>>
- Belgium: Ministry of Justice <<http://www.just.fgov.be/>>
- Bolivia: Biblioteca Central de la Cancillería de la República <<http://www.lablaa.org/>>
- Brazil: Serviço de Biblioteca e documentação - SBD, Universidad de São Paulo, Faculdade de Direito <<http://www.usp.br/fd/bibli/>>
- Bulgaria: Bulgarian National Library "St. Cyrill and St. Methodius" <<http://www.nationallibrary.bg/>>
- People's Republic of China: Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) <<http://english.mofcom.gov.cn/>>
- Colombia: Biblioteca Luis Angel Arango <<http://www.banrep.gov.co/blaa/enlablaa.htm>>
- Czech Republic: Library of the International Law Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Prague
- Egypt: Documentation Center, General Directorate of International and Cultural Co-operation, Ministry of Justice, Cairo
- Estonia: National Library of Estonia <<http://www.nlib.ee/>>
- Finland: Eduskunnan Kurjasto <<http://www.eduskunta.fi/kirjasto/>>
- France: Bibliothèque Inter-universitaire Cujas <<http://www-cujas.univ-paris1.fr>>
- Germany: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Abteilung Amtsdrukschriften und Internationaler Amtlicher Schriftentausch <<http://staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/>>
- Greece: Library of the Hellenic Institute of International and Foreign Law, Athens
- Hungary: Library of the Hungarian Parliament <<http://www.ogyk.hu>>
- India: Library of the Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi
- Ireland: National Library of Ireland <<http://www.nli.ie/>>
- Luxembourg: Bibliothèque Nationale <<http://www.bnl.lu/>>
Luxembourg: Centre Universitaire de Luxembourg
- Malta: Library Services, University of Malta <<http://www.lib.um.edu.mt/>>
- Mexico: Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México <<http://www.unam.mx>>
Mexico: Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional Privado y Comparado, México City

Mexico: Biblioteca Loyola, Universidad Iberoamericana Tijuana
<<http://www.loyola.tij.uia.mx>>

- Netherlands: Library of the Ministry of Justice, The Hague
- Norway: Det juridiske fakultetsbibliotek, Universitetsbiblioteket i Oslo
<<http://www.ub.uio.no/ujur/>>
- Poland: Sejm Library <<http://bib.sejm.gov.pl>>
- Portugal: Serviço de Biblioteca e Documentação Diplomática do Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros - Instituto Diplomático <<http://www.min-nestrangeiros.pt/mne/>>
Portugal: Gabinete de Documentação e Direito Comparado, Procuradoria Geral da República
<<http://www.gddc.pt/>>
- Republic of Korea: Library of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS), Seoul
- Romania: Biblioteca Nationala <<http://www.bibnat.ro/menu.htm>>
- Russian Federation: Library of the Russian Academy of Foreign Trade, Moscow
- Slovak Republic: Právnická fakulta Trnavskej Univerzity <<http://www.truni.sk/>>
- Slovenia (Republic of): National and University Library <<http://www.nuk.uni-lj.si/vstop.cgi>>
- South Africa: Library of the Department of Justice, Directorate: Internal Affairs
- Spain: Universidad San Pablo CEU <<http://www.ceu.es>>
- Sweden: Library of the Swedish Parliament <<http://www.riksdagen.se/>>
- Switzerland: Library of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law <<http://isdc.ch>>
- Turkey: Library, Banca ve Ticaret Hukuku Arastirma Enstitüsü (The Research Institute of Banking and Commercial Law), Hukuk Fakültesi, Ankara
- United Kingdom: Library of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies <<http://ials.sas.ac.uk/>>
- United States of America: Arthur W. Diamond Law Library Columbia University in the City of New York <<http://www.law.columbia.edu/library>>
United States of America: Underwood Law Library, Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University <<http://library.law.smu.edu/>>
- Uruguay: Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de la República, Montevideo

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