Item No. 12 on the agenda: Depository libraries for UNIDROIT documentation

(memorandum prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

1. With a view to making UNIDROIT documents more readily available in its member States, the annual collection of documents contained in the UNIDROIT Proceedings and Papers series (the Annual Report on the activity of the Institute, the report on the annual session of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, the report on the annual session 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 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) has, since 1997, been made available on cd-rom and is being distributed, along with the Uniform Law Review (new series), free of charge to depository libraries for UNIDROIT documentation in member States.

2. Thirty-nine member States, listed on the Institute’s website at <http://www.unidroit.org/depository/main.htm>, have to date designated depository libraries for UNIDROIT documentation. The remaining member States (Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, the Holy See, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Tunisia and Venezuela) are each invite to designate a library to serve as depository for UNIDROIT documentation.

3. The Secretariat would invite those representatives of the aforementioned 19 member States not yet having designated a depository library attending the 59th session of the General Assembly kindly to bring this matter to the attention of the competent Authorities of their Government.