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REPORT

ON THE WORK OF THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON DEFAULT REMEDIES IN RELATION TO COMPONENTS

(prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

1. The Informal Working Group on default remedies in relation to components set up by the Committee of governmental experts on 7 December 2009 held four meetings, on 8, 9, 10 and 11 December 2009. Representatives of the following States participated in its work: France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The observer representing the European Space Agency and Ms C.J. Dubreuil (EADS Astrium), Mr O. Heinrich (BHO Legal Partnership), Ms M. Leimbach (Crédit Agricole S.A.) and Mr B. Schmidt-Tedd (German Space Agency) participated as observers. The meetings were chaired by the representative of the United Kingdom.

2. Considerable progress was made during the meetings of the Informal Working Group, notably in exploring the divergent points of view on the most appropriate solution to this problem. Time, however, did not permit the reaching of a definite conclusion and the Informal Working Group, accordingly, would seek authorisation from the Committee of governmental experts to continue its work after the current session, through informal consultation amongst its members.