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HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Accession to the 1999 Act: Poland

- 1. On April 2, 2009, the Government of Poland deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), its instrument of accession to the Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs.
- 2. The said instrument of accession was accompanied by the following declarations:
- the declaration referred to in Article 11(1)(b) of the 1999 Act, whereby the law of Poland does not provide for the deferment of the publication of an industrial design (it will therefore not be possible for an applicant to request the deferment of the publication in an international application designating Poland);
- the declaration as required under Article 17(3)(c) of the 1999 Act, specifying that the maximum duration of protection provided for by the law of Poland in respect of industrial designs is 25 years.
- 3. The 1999 Act and the declarations will enter into force in respect of Poland on July 2, 2009.
- 4. The accession to the 1999 Act by Poland brings the number of Contracting Parties to this Act to 35 and the total number of Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement to 56. A list of the Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement, indicating the date on which Contracting Parties became bound by the 1934 Act, the 1960 Act and/or the 1999 Act, is available on WIPO's website, at the following address: www.wipo.int

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