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The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to communicate herewith a copy of a decision by the Assembly of the Paris Union for the Protection of Industrial Property, taken on the occasion of its 40<sup>th</sup> session, held in Geneva, from September 22 to October 1, 2008, concerning the replacement of reciprocal communications under Article 6ter(3)(a) and (b) of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Paris Convention) by a periodical electronic publication (documents P/A/40/1 and 2).

Under the new publication procedure, individual communications of signs for which protection under Article 6ter is requested by States and international intergovernmental organizations will be replaced by a periodical electronic publication in the "Article 6ter Express" database.

The publication will be made on a semi-annual basis, on the last working day of the months of March and September according to the WIPO calendar, starting on March 31, 2009. A reference to the most recent communications will be inserted into the database, which will indicate the communications that were received by the International Bureau during the previous six months.

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In accordance with the decision of the Assembly of the Paris Union, the time periods provided for in Article 6ter(4) and (6) of the Paris Convention will be calculated as from that date of publication for all receiving States party to the Paris Convention.

In addition to the publication of the signs in the "Article 6ter Express" database, the content of the publication will be made available on CD-ROM, containing the latest version of the "Article 6ter Express" database. States party to the Paris Convention are invited to indicate whether they wish to receive the publications on CD-ROM. However, only the publication date of the reproductions in the database will have legal effect for the determination of the "date of receipt" of the communication, in accordance with Article 6ter(4) and (6).

Moreover, the International Bureau has established an e-mail alert service for notification of every new publication, which is available for subscription at: <http://www.wipo.int/article6ter/en/>.

As regards Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the replacement of reciprocal communications under Article 6ter(3)(a) and (b) of the Paris Convention by a periodical electronic publication will also apply to the communications under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) referred to in Article 3 of the Agreement Between WIPO and the WTO of December 22, 1995.

Copies of this circular will be sent, together with the enclosures mentioned above, to the industrial property offices of all States party to the Paris Union.

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Enclosures: documents P/A/40/1 and 2

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The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, referring to Article 3 of the Agreement Between WIPO and the World Trade Organization (WTO) of December 22, 1995, according to which WIPO shall administer the procedures under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) relating to Article 6ter of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Paris Convention) for the Members of the WTO, has the honor to communicate herewith a copy of a decision by the Assembly of the Paris Union for the Protection of Industrial Property, taken on the occasion of its 40<sup>th</sup> session, held in Geneva, from September 22 to October 1, 2008, concerning the replacement of reciprocal communications under Article 6ter(3)(a) and (b) of the Paris Convention by a periodical electronic publication (documents P/A/40/1 and 2).

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In addition to the publication of the signs in the "Article 6ter Express" database, the content of the publication will be made available on CD-ROM, containing the latest version of the "Article 6ter Express" database. Members of WTO are invited to indicate whether they wish to receive the publications on CD-ROM. However, only the publication date of the reproductions in the database will have legal effect for the determination of the "date of receipt" of the communication, in accordance with Article 6ter(4) and (6).

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