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MADRID AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS AND PROTOCOL RELATING TO THAT AGREEMENT

Accession by the Republic of Kenya

1. On March 26, 1998, the Republic of Kenya deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instruments of accession to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks of April 14, 1891, as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967, and amended on September 28, 1979 ("the Madrid Agreement") and to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks ("the Madrid Protocol"), adopted at Madrid on June 27, 1989.

2. The said instruments of accession were accompanied by the following declarations:

- under Article 3*bis*(1) of the Madrid Agreement, protection resulting from an international registration shall extend to the Republic of Kenya only at the express request of the proprietor of the mark;

– under Article 5(2)(b) of the Madrid Protocol, the time limit of one year to exercise the right to notify a refusal of protection referred to in Article 5(2)(a) thereof is replaced by 18 months;

– under Article 5(2)(c) of the Madrid Protocol, where refusal of protection may result from an opposition to the granting of protection, such refusal may be notified after the expiry of the 18-month time limit referred to under article 5(2)(b) of the Protocol.

3. The Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol will enter into force, with respect to the Republic of Kenya, on June 26, 1998. This will bring the number of members of the Madrid Union to 55 (26 party to the Madrid Agreement only, seven party to the Protocol only and 22 party to both the Agreement and the Protocol).

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