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

Ratification by the Italian Republic

1. On January 17, 2000, the Italian Republic deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of ratification of the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks. The Madrid Protocol will enter into force, with respect to the Italian Republic, on April 17, 2000.
2. The said instrument of accession was accompanied by the following declarations:
 - the declaration that, pursuant to Article 5(2)(b) of the said 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 and that, under Article 5(2)(c) of the said 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;
 - the declaration that, in accordance with Article 8(7)(a) of the Madrid Protocol, in connection with each international registration in which Italy is mentioned under Article 3^{ter} of the said Protocol, and in connection with the renewal of any such international registration, it wants to receive, instead of a share in the revenue produced by the supplementary and complementary fees, an individual fee. The amounts in Swiss francs of the said individual fees will be published as soon as they have been established in accordance with Rule 35(2)(b) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol.
3. In addition, the Italian Republic has notified the Director General, in accordance with Rule 7(1) of the Common Regulations, that it requires that, where its Office is the Office of origin and the holder's address is in its territory, designations made subsequently to the international registration be presented to the International Bureau by the said Office.
4. Ratification of the Madrid Protocol by Italy brings the number of the Contracting Parties of the Protocol to 44, namely, Austria, Antigua and Barbuda, Belgium, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom and Yugoslavia.

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