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### MADRID AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS AND PROTOCOL RELATING THERETO

#### **Declaration Made Under Rule 17(5)(d) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol :Slovak Republic**

1. In a notification addressed to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Slovak Republic has made the declaration provided for by Rule 17(5)(d) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement, in accordance with which:

(i) any provisional refusal that has been notified to the International Bureau by the Office of the Slovak Republic is subject to review by that Office (whether or not such review has been requested by the holder of the international registration), and

(ii) the decision taken on the said review may be the subject of a further review or appeal before that Office.

2. The effect of such a declaration is that the decision taken by the Office of the Slovak Republic at the conclusion of its *ex officio* review (referred to at point (ii) above) shall be immediately sent to the International Bureau **as confirmation or withdrawal** of the provisional refusal under Rule 17(5)(a), notwithstanding the fact that all procedures before that Office relating to the protection of the mark may not have been completed.

3. It also follows from the declaration made by the Slovak Republic that, subsequent to the decision referred to at paragraph 2 above, any further decision affecting the protection of the mark (whether such decision has been taken by the Office of the Slovak Republic or by an external authority) shall be sent to the International Bureau, to the extent that the Office is aware of such decision, in accordance with Rule 17(5)(b), i.e., in the form of a further statement indicating the goods and services for which the mark is protected in that country.

4. This declaration entered into force on April 1, 2002.

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