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MADRID PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS

Declaration made under Rule 17(5)(e) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol: Madagascar

1. On May 6, 2008, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) received from the Office of Madagascar the declaration referred to in Rule 17(5)(e) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement, according to which an *ex officio* provisional refusal notified to the International Bureau by the Office of Madagascar is not open to review before that Office. The effect of such declaration is that any *ex officio* notification of provisional refusal issued by the Office of Madagascar shall be deemed to include the confirmation of the said refusal. *Ex officio* provisional refusals notified by the Office of Madagascar can only be contested before an authority external to the said Office.
2. This declaration entered into force on May 6, 2008.

June 18, 2008