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### **MADRID PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS**

#### **Accession to the Madrid Protocol: Madagascar**

1. On January 28, 2008, the Government of Madagascar deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of accession to the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. The Madrid Protocol will enter into force with respect to Madagascar on April 28, 2008.
2. The said instrument of accession was accompanied by the declaration referred to in Article 5(2)(b) of the Protocol, whereby the time limit of one year to notify a provisional refusal of protection is replaced by 18 months.
3. Accession to the Madrid Protocol by Madagascar brings the number of Contracting Parties of the Protocol to 75, and the total number of Contracting Parties of the Madrid system to 82. A list of the members of the Madrid Union and information on the dates on which these Contracting Parties became party to the Madrid Agreement and/or the Madrid Protocol are available on WIPO's website, at the following address: *www.wipo.int*.

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