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

#### **Information Concerning Hong Kong**

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has received the following communication from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland:

"I have the honor to inform the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and, through the Director General, the member States of the Madrid Agreement and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement of the following:

"With effect from July 1, 1997, the People's Republic of China shall resume the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong. Starting from that date, the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement and its Protocol) and, in particular, the requests for territorial extension of the international registration of marks to China will be deferred to be applied to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Possible measures to change this state of affairs are under studies. Once a solution is worked out, all the member States will be notified, in due course, of the measures as to when and how the above-mentioned Agreement and its Protocol will apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region."

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