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### **HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS**

#### **Accession to the 1999 Act: European Community**

1. On September 24, 2007, the Council of the European Union deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) the instrument of accession of the European Community to the Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs. The 1999 Act will enter into force with respect to the European Community on January 1, 2008, as indicated in the said instrument, in accordance with Article 28(3)(b) of the Geneva Act.
2. The instrument of accession was accompanied by the following declarations:
  - a declaration as referred to in Article 4(1)(b) of the 1999 Act, to the effect that international applications may not be filed through the Office of the European Community;
  - a declaration as required under Article 17(3)(c) of the 1999 Act, specifying that the maximum duration of protection provided for by the legislation of the European Community in respect of industrial designs is 25 years;
  - a declaration as referred to in Article 7(2) of the 1999 Act, that, in connection with each international application in which it is designated, and in connection with the renewal of any international registration resulting from such an international application, the prescribed designation fee shall be replaced by an individual designation fee. The amount of the individual designation fee will be the subject of a further information notice.
3. The accession to the 1999 Act by the European Community brings the number of Contracting Parties to this Act to 24 and the total number of Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement to 47. A list of the Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement, indicating the date on which Contracting Parties became bound by the 1934 Act, the 1960 Act and/or the 1999 Act, is available on WIPO's website, at the following address: [www.wipo.int](http://www.wipo.int).

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