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MADRID PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS

Accession to the Madrid Protocol: Ghana

1. On June 16, 2008, the Government of Ghana 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 Ghana on September 16, 2008.
2. The said instrument of accession was accompanied by the following declarations:
 - the declarations referred to in Article 5(2)(b) and (c) of the Protocol, whereby the time limit of one year to notify a provisional refusal of protection is replaced by 18 months and a provisional refusal resulting from an opposition may be notified after the expiry of the 18-month time limit;
 - the declaration referred to in Article 8(7)(a) of the Protocol, whereby Ghana wants to receive an individual fee where it is designated in an international application, in a subsequent designation or in respect of the renewal of an international registration (instead of a share in the revenue produced by the supplementary and complementary fees). The amounts in Swiss francs of the said individual fee will be published as soon as they have been established in accordance with Rule 35(2)(b) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol.
3. Accession to the Madrid Protocol by Ghana brings the number of Contracting Parties of the Protocol to 76, and the total number of Contracting Parties of the Madrid system to 83. 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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