

## **Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks**

### **Denunciation of the Madrid Agreement: Syrian Arab Republic**

1. On June 29, 2012, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of denunciation of the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (“the Madrid Agreement”).

2. Pursuant to Article 15(3) of the Madrid Agreement, the denunciation of the Madrid Agreement by the Syrian Arab Republic will take effect one year after the day on which the Director General has received the notification of the denunciation, namely on June 29, 2013. According to Article 15(5) of the Madrid Agreement, international marks registered up to that date under the Madrid Agreement in respect of the Syrian Arab Republic, and not refused within the period of one year provided for in Article 5, will continue, throughout the period of international protection, to enjoy the same protection in the Syrian Arab Republic as if they had been deposited there directly.

3. The Syrian Arab Republic continues to be party to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (“the Madrid Protocol”), to which it acceded on August 5, 2004.

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