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THE HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS: GENEVA ACT (1999)

Ratification by the Republic of Estonia

1. On March 21, 2002, the Government of the Republic of Estonia deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of ratification of the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs, adopted at Geneva on July 2, 1999.

2. This brings to four the number of States that have ratified or acceded to the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement (namely Iceland, Republic of Estonia, Republic of Moldova and Romania). In accordance with Article 28(2), the said Act will enter into force three months after six States have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession, provided that, according to the most recent annual statistics collected by the International Bureau, at least three of those States fulfill at least one of the following conditions:

(i) at least 3,000 applications for the protection of industrial designs have been filed in or for the State concerned, or

(ii) at least 1,000 applications for the protection of industrial designs have been filed in or for the State concerned by residents of States other than that State.

3. The date of entry into force of the Geneva Act will be notified when the required number of ratifications or accessions is reached.

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