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HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Ratification of the 1999 Act: Turkey

1. On October 1, 2004, the Government of Turkey deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), its instrument of ratification of 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 Turkey on January 1, 2005.

2. The said instrument of ratification was accompanied by the following declarations:

– the declaration referred to in Article 17(3)(c) of the 1999 Act, whereby the maximum duration of protection provided for industrial designs by the legislation of Turkey is 25 years;

– the declaration referred to in Rule 18(1)(b) of the Common Regulations, in accordance with which the prescribed period of six months for notifying a refusal of protection is replaced by a period of 12 months.

– the declaration referred to in Rule 18(1)(c)(i) of the Common Regulations, whereby the international registration shall produce its effects six months from the date of expiration of the 12-month refusal period.

3. The ratification by Turkey of the 1999 Act brings the number of Contracting Parties of this Act to 16 and the total number of Contracting Parties of the Hague Agreement to 40. A list of the members of the Hague Union, 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.

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