

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

### **Accession to the Madrid Protocol: Philippines**

1. On April 25, 2012, the Government of the Philippines deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of accession to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (“the Protocol”). The Protocol will enter into force, with respect to the Philippines, on July 25, 2012.

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

– the declaration 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 the Philippines wishes to receive an individual fee where it is designated in an international application, in a designation subsequent to an international registration subject to Article 14(5) of the Protocol 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 the subject of a separate information notice;

– the declaration referred to in Article 14(5) of the Protocol, whereby the protection resulting from any international registration effected under the Protocol before the date of entry into force of the said Protocol, with respect to the Philippines, cannot be extended to it.

3. Accession to the Protocol by the Philippines brings the number of Contracting Parties of the Protocol to 85 and the total number of Contracting Parties of the Madrid system to 86. A list of the members of the Madrid Union and information on the dates on which these Contracting Parties became a party to the Madrid Agreement and/or the Madrid Protocol are available on WIPO’s web site, at the following address: [www.wipo.int/madrid/en/members](http://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/members).

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