Protocol

to the Vienna Agreement for the Protection of Type Faces and Their International Deposit Concerning the Term of Protection

The States party to the Vienna Agreement for the Protection of Type Faces and Their International Deposit (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement"), and party to this Protocol

Have agreed to the following provisions:

- 1. The term of protection shall be a minimum of twentyfive years instead of the minimum of fifteen years referred to in Article 9(1) of the Agreement.
- 2.(a) This Protocol shall be open for signature by the States which have signed the Agreement.
- (b) This Protocol may be ratified by the States which have signed the Protocol and ratified the Agreement.

- (c) This Protocol shall be open to accession by States which have not signed the Protocol but have ratified or acceded to the Agreement.
- (d) This Protocol shall enter into force three months after three States have deposited their instruments of ratification of or accession to this Protocol, but not before the Agreement itself enters into force.
- (e) This Protocol may be revised by conferences of the States party to the Protocol which shall be convened by the Director General at the request of at least one-half of those States. The expenses attributable to any conference for the revision of this Protocol which is not held during the same period and at the same place as a conference for the revision of the Agreement shall be borne by the States party to this Protocol.
- (f) The provisions of Articles 30, 33, 35(2), 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 (i), (ii), (iii), (vii), (viii), (viii) and (xi) of the Agreement shall apply mutatis mutandis.