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**PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE MADRID AGREEMENT  
CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS**

adopted at Madrid on June 27, 1989  
and amended on October 3, 2006

Article 5

Refusal and Invalidation of Effects  
of International Registration  
in Respect of Certain Contracting Parties

- (1) [...]
- (2) (a) [...]
- (b) [...]
- (c) Such declaration may also specify that, when a refusal of protection may result from an opposition to the granting of protection, such refusal may be notified by the Office of the said Contracting Party to the International Bureau after the expiry of the 18-month time limit. Such an Office may, with respect to any given international registration, notify a refusal of protection after the expiry of the 18-month time limit, but only if
- (i) [...]
- (ii) the notification of the refusal based on an opposition is made within a time limit of one month from the expiry of the opposition period and, in any case, not later than seven months from the date on which the opposition period begins,
- (d) [...]
- (e) Upon the expiry of a period of ten years from the entry into force of this Protocol, the Assembly shall examine the operation of the system established by subparagraphs (a) to (d). Thereafter, the provisions of the said subparagraphs may be modified by a unanimous decision of the Assembly\*.

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\* Interpretative statement adopted by the Assembly of the Madrid Union:

„Article 5(2)(e) of the Protocol is understood as allowing the Assembly to keep under review the operation of the system established by subparagraphs (a) to (d), it being also understood that any modification of those provisions shall require a unanimous decision of the Assembly.“