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

Accession by Ukraine

1. On May 28, 2002, the Government of Ukraine deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of accession to 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 six the number of States that have ratified or acceded to the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement (namely Estonia, Iceland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovenia and Ukraine). In accordance with Article 28(2), the Geneva 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. At present, only one State having ratified or acceded to the Geneva Act has the volume of activities so prescribed (Slovenia). The date of entry into force of the Geneva Act will be notified when all requirements provided for by Article 28(2) are met.

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