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Dear Mr. Ivanenko,

I have the pleasure to refer to your letter addressed to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), dated June 30, 2022.

We understand that trademark owners and their representatives in Ukraine face difficult times and we will do our best to assist them, within the confines of the legal framework of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks.

Should applicants, holders, or their representatives, or the Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent) fail to meet a time limit for an action before the International Bureau of WIPO and they wish to invoke Rule 5 of the Regulations under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (the Protocol) to be excused, the International Bureau of WIPO will be as flexible as possible. This means that we can waive the requirement for providing evidence. In the current situation, it would be sufficient, in the given case, to refer to the decrees of the President of Ukraine on martial law in Ukraine, as indicated in your letter.

We can also work with you to address issues specifically related to payment delays and methods. However, please note that the time limit of six months set out in Rule 5 is final.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate WIPO's full support to Ukrainian trademark owners in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Director General