



**AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY  
ORGANIZATION (ARIPO)**

**NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE  
HARARE PROTOCOL ON PATENTS AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS**

Reference is made to the Resolutions of the ARIPO Administrative Council at its 15<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The Administrative Council adopted the amendments to the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs, its Implementing Regulations, Forms, and Fees, following a comprehensive review.

**TAKE NOTICE** that the amendments to the Protocol, Implementing Regulations, Forms, and Fees shall come into force on 1 March 2025 and shall apply to all existing and new applications.

[End of Notification]

Signature: .....

31 January 2025

Date: .....

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