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INTERNATIONAL UNION

State of the International Union on January 1, 1970

The texts of the Convention

The Charter of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works is the *Berne Convention* of September 9, 1886, which came into force on December 5, 1887.

This Convention was amended and supplemented in Paris on May 4, 1896, by an *Additional Act* and an *Interpretative Declaration* brought into operation on December 9, 1897.

A thorough overhaul took place in Berlin on November 13, 1908. The Berlin Act, which bears the title of the Revised Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, came into force on September 9, 1910. At the time of the revision effected in Berlin, countries were given the right to indicate, by means of reservations, those provisions of the original Convention of 1886, or of the Additional Act of 1896, which they wished to substitute for the corresponding provisions of the Convention of 1908.

On March 20, 1914, an Additional Protocol to the revised Berne Convention of 1908 was signed in Berne, in order to enable Union countries to restrict, should they deem fit, the protection given to authors who are nationals of a non-Union country. This Protocol came into force on April 20, 1915.

The Berlin Act, in its turn, underwent revision in Rome. The Rome Act, signed on June 2, 1928, has been in force since August 1, 1931. Countries joining the Union by direct accession to the latter Act could stipulate only one reservation, in respect of the right of translation into the language or languages of such countries. Countries already members of the Union could retain the benefit of the reservations they had previously formulated.

The Berne Convention was again revised in Brussels. The Brussels Act, signed on June 26, 1948, has been in force since August 1, 1951. As for the possibility of making reservations, the same rule as that mentioned in the preceding paragraph is applicable both to countries acceding directly to this Act and to those already members of the Union.

The last revision of the Berne Convention took place at Stockholm in 1967. The *Stockholm Act*, signed on July 14, 1967, has not yet entered into force 1.

Field of application of the various revised texts of the Berne Convention

Countries of the Union, or Contracting States (59 in number²), and the territories for the external relations of which they are responsible, apply at present either the Berlin Act, the Rome Act, or the Brussels Act.

(a) Berlin Act

Thailand, which has acceded neither to the Rome Act nor to the Brussels Act, remains bound by the Berlin Act as regards the other countries of the Union and their dependent territories.

South West Africa, which is a trust territory of the Republic of South Africa, also remains bound by the Berlin Act.

The reservations made by Thailand concern Articles 2(4), 4(2), 8, 9, 11 and 18 of the Berlin Act.

(b) Rome Act

In accordance with the provisions of the Convention, the Rome Act is applicable in relations between the following 15 countries which have not yet acceded to the Brussels Act:

Bulgaria Lebanon
Canada Malta
Ceylon Netherlands
Cyprus New Zealand
Czechoslovakia Pakistan
Hungary Poland
Iceland Rumania

Japan

The Rome Act is also applicable in relations between the above-mentioned 15 countries and the following 27 countries which, after having acceded to this Act, have ratified or acceded to the Brussels Act:

Liechtenstein Australia Luxembourg Austria Belgium Monaco Morocco Brazil Norway Denmark Finland Portugal France South Africa Germany³ Spain Sweden Greece Holy See Switzerland Tunisia India United Kingdom Ireland

Israel Yugoslavia

Italy

Lastly, the Rome Act is applicable in relations between the above-mentioned 15 countries and the 16 countries which have acceded to the Brussels Act only, or which have made declarations of continued adherence to the latter, i. e.:

¹ See below the state of ratifications, accessions and declarations concerning the Stockholm Act.

² Or 60, if the German Democratic Republic is also considered a party to the Convention.

³ With regard to the German Democratic Republic, see *Le Droit d'Auteur*, 1955, p. 149.

Uruguay

Yugoslavia

Argentina	Mali
Cameroon	Mexico
Congo (Brazzaville)	Niger
Congo (Kinshasa)	Philippines
Dahomey	Senegal
Gabon	Turkey
Ivory Coast	Upper Volta
Madagascar	Uruguay

The only reservations applicable in relations between the above-mentioned 15 countries of the Union, as well as in their relations with the countries which have acceded to the Brussels Act, are those formulated by Iceland and Japan in respect of the right of translation.

(c) Brussels Act

Forty-three contracting countries apply the Brussels Act in their mutual relations; they are:

Argentina	Congo (Kinshasa)
Australia	Dahomey
Austria	Denmark
Belgium	Finland
Brazil	France
Cameroon	Gabon
Congo (Brazzaville)	Germany (Fed. Rep.)

Greece Norway Holy See Philippines India Portugal Ireland Senegal Israel South Africa Italy Spain **Ivory Coast** Sweden Liechtenstein Switzerland Luxembourg Tunisia Madagascar Turkev Mali United Kingdom Mexico Upper Volta

Morocco Niger

Monaco

Sixteen countries of the Union have not yet acceded to the Brussels Act (i. e., the 15 countries between which the Rome Act is applicable and Thailand).

The only reservations applicable in relations between the above-mentioned 43 countries of the Union are those formulated by Mexico, Turkey and Yugoslavia in respect of the right of translation.

STOCKHOLM ACT OF THE BERNE CONVENTION

State of Ratifications, Accessions and Declarations on January 1, 1970

Country	Substantive clauses (not yet in force)	Administrative provisions and final clauses (entry into force: January 29 or February 26, 1970) ²	Protocol Regarding Developing Countries	Transitional clauses (Article 38(2))
Bulgaria			January 11, 1968 3, 8	
Germany (Dem. Rep.)	June 20, 1968	June 20, 1968	June 20, 1968	
Ireland				March 4, 1968 9
Israel		July 30, 1969		
Pakistan	November 26, 1969	November 26, 1969	November 26, 1969 4, 7, 8	
Rumania	October 29, 1969 ⁵	October 29, 1969 ⁶	October 29, 1969	
Senegal	September 19, 1968	September 19, 1968	November 14, 1967 7, 8	
Spain		June 6, 1969		
Sweden		August 12, 1969	August 12, 1969 3, 8	
United Kingdom		February 26, 1969	-	

1 The dates indicated are the dates of deposit of the respective instrument.

² Depending on whether the validity of the instrument of accession deposited by the German Democratic Republic is accepted or not. Member States disagree on this question.

3 Declaration made by virtue of Article 5(1)(b) of the Protocol.

⁴ Accession accompanied by a declaration in which Pakistan availed itself of the reservations provided in Article 1 of the Protocol, with the exception of the reservation provided in paragraph (a) of that Article.

5 Ratification accompanied by a declaration made in conformity with Article 7(7).
6 Ratification accompanied by a declaration made in conformity with Article 33(2).

7 Declaration made by virtue of Article 5(1)(a) of the Protocol.

8 Entry into force: the date of deposit of the declaration.
9 Applicable from the date of entry into force of the WIPO Convention.

STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION ON JANUARY 1, 1970

Country 1)	Class chosen [Art. 23 (4)]	Date of Accession (Art. 25)	Date on which the Convention was declared applicable (Art. 26) ²)	Date of Accession to the Rome Act	Date of Accession to the Brussels Ac
1 Argentina	IV	10-VI-1967	_		10-VI-1967
2. Australia 3) Nauru, New Guinea, Norfolk and Papua	III	14-IV-1928	5-XII-1887 29-VII-1936	18-I-1935 29-VII-1936	1-VI-1969
3. Austria	VI	1-X-1920	_	1-VII-1936	14-X-1953
4. Belgium	III	5-XII-1887	_	7-X-1934	1-VIII-1951
5. Brazil	III	9-II-1922	_	1-VI-1933	9-VI-1952
6. Bulgaria	VI	5-XII-1921	-	1-VIII-1931	
7. Cameroon	VI	21-IX-1964 a)	26-V-1930 °)	22-XII-1933 °)	22-V-1952 °)
8. Canada 4)	II	10-IV-1928	5-XII-1887	1-VIII-1931	_
9. Ceylon	VI	24-VI-1959 a)	1-X-1931 °)	1-X-1931 °)	
10. Congo (Brazzaville)	VI	8-V-1962 a)	26-V-1930 °)	22-XII-1933 °)	22-V-1952 °)
1 ¹ . Congo (Kinshasa)	VI	8-X-1963 *)	20-XII-1948 c)	20-XII-1948 °)	14-II-1952 °)
12. Cyprus	VI	24-II-1964 °)	1-X-1931 °)	1-X-1931 °)	
13. Czechoslovakia	IV	22-II-1921	_	30-XI-1936	
14. Dahomey	VI	3-I-1961 a)	26-V-1930 °)	22-XII-1933 °)	22-V-1952 °)
15. Denmark	IV	1-VII-1903	<u> </u>	16-IX-1933	19-II-1962
16. Finland	IV	1-IV-1928	<u> </u>	1-VIII-1931	28-I-1963
17. France	I	5-XII-1887	_	22-XII-1933 ⁵)	1VIII-1951
Overseas Departments and Territories	-		26-V-1930	22-XII-1933	22-V-1952
18. Gabon	VI	26-III-1962 b)	26-V-1930 °)	22-XII-1933 c)	26-III-1962 b)
19. Germany (Fed. Rep.)	I	5-XII-1887	_	21-X-1933	10-X-1966
20. Greece	VI	9-XI-1920	_	25-II-1932 ⁶)	6-I-1957
21. Holy See	VI	12-IX-1935		12-IX-1935	1-VIII-1951
22. Hungary	VI	14-II-1922	_	1-VIII-1931	
23. Iceland	VI	7-IX-1947	_	7-IX-1947 ⁷)	_
24. India 8)	IV	1-IV-1928	5-XII-1887	1-VIII-1931	21-X-1958
25. Ireland 9)	IV	5-X-1927	5-XII-1887	11-VI-1935 ⁷)	5-VII-1959
26. Israel ¹⁰)	v	24-III-1950	21-III-1924	24-III-1950	1-VIII-1951
27. Italy	I	5-XII-1887		1-VIII-1931	12-VII-1953
28. Ivory Coast	VI	1-I-1962 b)	26-V-1930 °)	22-XII-1933 °)	1-I-1962 b)
29. Japan	III	15-VII-1899	20 , 1760 ,	1-VIII-1931 ⁷)	-

¹⁾ Among the newly independent countries to which the Berne Convention was applied, hy virtue of Article 26, there are only mentioned those which have so far made a declaration of continued adherence or a formal notification of accession to the Swiss Government under Article 25 of the Convention. This list will be amended as and when declarations of continued adherence or notifications of accession are received by the Swiss Government from other countries.

4) Same observation as in note 3), for Canada, which acceded with effect from April 10, 1928.

3) Same ohservation as in note 3), for India, which acceded with effect from April 1, 1928.

²⁾ I. e. the date from which the notification made by virtue of Article 26 (1) hegan to take effect for the application of the Convention on the territory of the country concerned. After the latter's accession to independence, the application was confirmed by a declaration of continued adherence or accession.

³⁾ Australia helonged to the Union from the outset as a country for the international relations of which the United Kingdom was responsible.

April 14, 1928, is the date on which Australia made a declaration of accession, as a contracting country of the Union, in conformity with Article 25.

⁵⁾ Reservation concerning works of applied art: Article 2 (4) of the Rome Act had heen replaced by Article 4 of the original Convention of 1886.

Articles 8 and 11 of the Rome Act had heen replaced by Articles 5 and 9 of the original Convention of 1886; hut, as from January 6, 1957, Greece renounced these reservations in favour of all countries of the Union.

⁷⁾ Reservation concerning the right of translation: Article 8 of the Rome Act or of the Brussels Act has heen replaced by Article 5 of the original Convention of 1886, in the version of the Additional Act of 1896.

⁾ The new free State of Ireland, which was constituted by the Treaty signed with Great Britain on December 6, 1921, acceded, as such, with effect from October 5, 1927.

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Country 1)	Class chosen [Art. 23 (4)]	Date of Accession (Art. 25)	Date on which the Convention was declared applicable (Art. 26) 2)	Date of Accession to the Rome Act	Date of Accession to the Brussels Act
30. Lebanon	VI	1-VIII-1924	_	24-XII-1933	
31. Liechtenstein	VI	30-VII-1931		30-VIII-1931	1-VIII-1951
32. Luxembourg	VI	20-VI-1888		4-II-1932	1-VIII-1951
33. Madagascar	VI	1-I-1966 a)	26-V-1930 °)	22-XII-1933 °)	22-V-1952 °)
34. Mali	VI	19-III-1962 a)	26-V-1930 °)	22-XII-1933 c)	22-V-1952 °)
35. Malta	VI	29-V-1968 a)	1-X-1931 °)	1-X-1931 °)	-
36. Mexico	IV	11-VI-1967			11-VI-1967 ⁷)
37. Monaco	VI	30-V-1889		9-VI-1933	1-VIII-1951
38. Morocco	VI	16-VI-1917		25-XI-1934	22-V-1952
39. Netherlands Surinam and Netherlands Antilles	III	1-XI-1912 —	1-IV-1913	1-VIII-1931 1-VIII-1931	
40. New Zealand 11)	V	24-IV-1928	5-XII-1887	4-XII-1947	
41. Niger	VI	2-V-1962 a)	26-V-1930 °)	22-XII-1933 °)	22-V-1952 °)
42. Norway	IV	13-IV-1896		1-VIII-1931	28-I-1963
43. Pakistan 12)	VI	5-VII-1948	5-XII-1887	5-VII-1948	
44. Philippines	VI	1-VIII-1951			1-VIII-1951
45. Poland	V	28-I-1920		21-XI-1935	
46. Portugal 13)	III	29-III-1911		29-VII-1937	1-VIII-1951
47. Rumania	V	1-I-1927		6-VIII-1936	
48. Senegal	VI	25-VIII-1962 b)	26-V-1930 °)	22-XII-1933 °)	25-VIII-1962 b)
49. South Africa 14) South West Africa 15)	IV —	3-X-1928 28-X-1931	5-XII-1887 5-X11-1887	27-V-1935 —	1-VIII-1951 —
50. Spain	II	5-XII-1887		23-IV-1933	1-VIII-1951
51. Sweden	III	1-VIII-1904	_	1-VIII-1931	1-VII-1961
52. Switzerland	III	5-XII-1887		1-VIII-1931	2-I-1956
53. Thailand	VI	17-VII-1931			
54. Tunisia	VI	5-XII-1887		22-XII-1933 ⁵)	22-V-1952
55. Turkey	VI	1-I-1952			1-I-1952 ⁷)
56. United Kingdom ¹⁶) Colonies, Possessions and certain Protectorate Territories	I	5-XII-1887	various dates	1-VIII-1931 various dates	15-XII-1957 various dates ¹⁷)
57. Upper Volta	VI	19-VIII-1963 b)	26-V-1930 °)	22-XII-1933 °)	19-VIII-1963 b)
58. Uruguay	VI	10-VII-1967	_		10-VII-1967
59. Yugoslavia	IV	17-VI-1930		1-VIII-1931 ⁷)	1-VIII-1951 ⁷)

¹⁰⁾ The accession of Palestine, as a territory under British mandate, took effect from March 21, 1924. After its accession to independence (May 15, 1948). Israel acceded with effect from March 24, 1950.

Same observation as in note 3), for New Zealand, which acceded with effect from April 24, 1928. 12) When Pakistan formed part of India, it belonged ipso facto to the Union as from the outset [see note 8)]; subsequently, Pakistan became a

Same observation as in note 3), for the Union of South Africa, which acceded with effect from October 3, 1928.

16) United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

a) Date of the despatch of the declaration of continued adherence after the accession of this country to independence.

separate State from India and, on July 5, 1948, made a declaration of accession to the Berne Convention as revised at Rome in 1928.

13) The former colonies have hecome "Portuguese Overseas Provinces". The Brussels Act has heen applicable to these provinces since August 3, 1956.

¹⁵⁾ The Union of South Africa later made a declaration of accession for South West Africa, a territory under mandate, and fixed the date of accession at October 28, 1931.

Application of the Convention to the Isle of Man, Fiji, Gibraltar and Sarawak (see Le Droit d'Auteur-Copyright, 1962, p. 32); to Zanzibar, Bermndas and North Borneo (ibid., 1963, p. 8); to Bahamas and Virgin Islands (ibid., 1963, p. 144); to Falkland Islands, Kenya, St. Helena and Seychelles (ibid., 1963, p. 180); to Mauritius (ibid., 1964, p. 192); to Montserrat, Santa-Lucia and Bechuanaland (Copyright, 1966, p. 67); to Grenada, the Cayman Islands and British Guiana (ibid., 1966, p. 91); to the British Honduras (ibid., 1966, p. 242); to Saint Vincent (ibid., 1967, p. 208). The Republic of the Philippines, however, reserved its position as regards the application to Sarawak.

Date of the cutry into force of the accession, by virtue of Article 25 (3) of the Convention.

As a colony (date of the application resulting from the notice made by the colonising power or the power exercising trusteeship or being responsible for the international relations of a country, by virtue of Article 26 (1) of the Convention).

The Berne Union and International Copyright in 1969

I. Copyright

1. Berne Union

State of the Union

On January 1, 1970, the number of States members of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works was 59 1.

The Government of Upper Volta² has denounced the Berne Convention. This denunciation will take effect on September 20, 1970.

Brussels Act

Australia deposited on April 1, 1969, an instrument of accession to the Brussels Act (1948), with effect from June 1, 1969.

Stockholm Act

In 1969, two countries acceded to the Stockholm Act (1967) of the Berne Convention and four countries ratified it, in certain cases subject to the restrictions mentioned below. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland deposited its instrument of accession to the Stockholm Act on February 26, 1969, with the declaration that its accession did not apply to Articles 1 to 21 or to the Protocol Regarding Developing Countries 4. Instruments of ratification including the same limitation were deposited by Spain on June 6, 1969⁵, by Israel on July 30, 19696, and by Sweden on August 12, 1969. The ratification by Sweden was accompanied by a declaration to the effect that that country admitted the application of the provisions of the Protocol Regarding Developing Countries to works of which it is the country of origin by countries which, on becoming bound by Articles 1 to 21 of the Stockholm Act of the said Convention and by the Protocol, or on making a declaration of application of the Protocol by virtue of the provision of Article 5(1)(a) thereof, have made the reservations permitted under the Protocol 7. Rumania ratified the Stockholm Act in its entirety on October 29, 1969 8. Lastly, Pakistan acceded, on November 26, 1969, to the Stockholm Act in its entirety, with all the reservations provided in the Protocol except the one provided for in Article 1(a) regarding the term of protection. It also made a declaration by virtue of Article 5(1)(a) of the Protocol⁹.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 28(2)(b) and Article 28(3) of the Stockholm Act, the administrative provisions and the final clauses (Articles 22 to 38) of the said Act

1 Or 60, if the German Democratic Republic is also considered a party to the Convention. For more details regarding member States, see pp. 4 and 5 above.

will enter into force three months after the date of deposit of the seventh instrument of ratification or accession:

- either on January 29, 1970 (three months after the date of deposit by Rumania),
- or on February 26, 1970 (three months after the date of deposit by Pakistan)

depending on whether the validity of the instrument of accession deposited by the German Democratic Republic is accepted or not 10.

Sessions of the Permanent Committee

Extraordinary Session (Paris, February 3 to 7, 1969). — The Permanent Committee met in extraordinary session in Paris from February 3 to 7, 1969 11. Some of the meetings of the session were held jointly with the Intergovernmental Copyright Committee, which was also meeting in extraordinary session.

In view of the serious problems posed at present in the field of multilateral copyright relations, the urgent requirements of developing countries, and the co-existence of the Berne Convention and the Universal Copyright Convention, the two Committees set up a group to study the entire situation of international relations in the field of copyright. The tasks to be dealt with, as a matter of priority, were: (i) the establishment of an international mechanism for permitting developing countries a greater degree of access to protected works, (ii) the improvement of the international régime with a view to satisfying certain needs of developed and developing countries, (iii) the solving of problems arising from the existence of the two Conventions 12. This group, called the International Copyright Joint Study Group, consisting of representatives of 26 States, and having a joint secretariat furnished by BIRPI and Unesco, held its first session later in the year (see below).

Extraordinary Session (Geneva, June 20 and 21, 1969). — Prior to the meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Intergovernmental Copyright Committee convened in Paris from June 23 to 27, 1969 13, the Permanent Committee held another extraordinary session, in Geneva, on June 20 and 21, 1969. The purpose of the session was to assist the Director of BIRPI to formulate the opinion to be given on certain issues appearing in the agenda of the above-mentioned Sub-Committee, with a view to the convening of a conference for the revision of Article XVII of the Universal Copyright Convention and the Appendix Declaration relating thereto. The Permanent Committee also designated two States members of the Committee (Denmark and Italy) to attend the meetings of the Sub-Committee as observers 14.

² See Copyright, 1969, p. 235.

³ *Ibid.*, 1969, p. 94.

⁴ Ibid., 1969, p. 47.

⁵ Ibid., 1969, p. 131.

⁶ Ibid., 1969, p. 167.

⁷ Ibid., 1969, p. 184.

⁸ Ibid., 1969, p. 235. 9 lbid., 1969, p. 234.

¹⁰ Ibid., 1969, p. 236.

¹¹ Ibid., 1969, p. 48.

¹² Ibid., 1969, p. 52.

¹³ Ibid., 1969, p. 194. 14 Ibid., 1969, p. 146.

Fourteenth Ordinary Session (Paris, December 15 to 19, 1969). — The Permanent Committee held its 14th ordinary session in Paris from December 15 to 19, 1969, some meetings of which were held jointly with those of the Intergovernmental Copyright Committee which was holding its 10th ordinary session at the same time and place. The Permanent Committee took cognizance of the results of the first session of the International Copyright Joint Study Group and the Washington Recommendation (see below). It was of the opinion that preparations for the revision of the Berne Convention should be made in accordance with the considerations set out in the preamble of that Recommendation and the various provisions appearing therein. It expressed the wish that the Diplomatic Conference of Revision should be held no later than May-June 1971, at the same time and place as the Conference for the revision of the Universal Copyright Convention. A series of measures preparatory to the revision were recommended, including, inter alia, the meeting of an Ad Hoc Preparatory Committee in Geneva in May 1970 and an extraordinary session of the Permanent Committee in September 1970. The copyright problems raised by radio and television broadcasts transmitted by space satellites were another important item appearing on the agenda. In this connection, the Permanent Committee recommended that a committee of governmental experts should meet as soon as possible under the joint anspices of BIRPI and Unesco, with the collaboration of the interested organizations.

The final report and the resolutions adopted by the Permanent Committee will be published at a later date.

Other Meetings

Information Session of Non-Governmental International Organizations (Geneva, August 29, 1969). — In preparation for the first session of the International Copyright Joint Study Group, 18 non-governmental international organizations met in Geneva on August 29, 1969, in answer to the invitation extended to them by the Director of BIRPI and the Director-General of Unesco. They were informed of the establishment of the Joint Study Group and of the tasks it would have to accomplish. Some of them also appointed representatives, who would be authorized to attend the said session as observers 15.

International Copyright Joint Study Group (Washington, September 27 to October 3, 1969). — The Joint Study Group (25 out of the 26 member States) met from September 27 to October 3, 1969, in Washington. At the close of its deliberations, it adopted a recommendation, called the "Washington Recommendation", which advocates simultaneous revision of the Universal Copyright Convention and the Berne Convention at revision conferences held at the same time and place, for the following purposes:

- I. In the Universal Copyright Convention:
 - (1) Suspension of Article XVII and the Appendix Declaration for the benefit of developing countries;

- (2) Inclusion of author's basic rights of reproduction, of broadcasting, and of public performance;
- (3) Inclusion of rules permitting relaxation of those rights, as well as the right of translation, for the benefit of developing countries, without material reciprocity.

II. In the Berne Convention:

- (1) Revision of Article 21 of the Stockholm Act to separate the Protocol Regarding Developing Countries from that Act;
- (2) Provision under which the revision of Article 21 can become effective only upon ratification of the revised Universal Copyright Convention by France, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States of America;
- (3) Provision to allow developing countries members of the Berne Union to apply in their relations with other countries members of that Union the revised text of the Universal Copyright Convention;
- (4) Suspension of the obligation of paying contributious to the Berne Union by developing countries having chosen Class VI or VII for the purposes of contributions.

The Joint Study Group adopted a second recommendation dealing with the establishment by Unesco of an international copyright information center whose aim would be to assist developing countries to solve the practical problems posed by copyright clearance. The Joint Study Group also adopted two other recommendations. In the first of these recommendations, it requests the Committees having established the Joint Study Group to convene further sessions of the latter at the most appropriate time. In the second, it recommends the Permanent Committee of the Berne Union and the Intergovernmental Copyright Committee to reconsider the question of observers at its meetings ¹⁶.

2. African Countries

African Committee of Experts to Draft a Model Statute for Societies of Authors (Abidjan, June 9 to 12, 1969)

A Committee of African Experts, convened jointly by BIRPI and Unesco, met in Abidjan from June 9 to 12, 1969. The Committee, assisted in its work by the representatives of the international organizations of authors, adopted at the close of its deliberations a Draft Model Statute for the use of African countries in which societies of authors will be set up ¹⁷.

3. Relations with States

During 1969, the Director of BIRPI visited several member States of the Berne Union, in particular, the Federal Republic of Germany, India, Italy, Pakistan and Thailand, and one non-member State, the Soviet Union. The talks held with the competent authorities helped to clarify certain problems relating to the national legislation of these countries or questions concerning the Berne Convention.

¹⁶ Ibid., 1969, pp. 214 et seq.

¹⁷ Ibid., 1969, p. 167.

4. Bilateral Relatious

An exchange of Notes in 1968, constituting an agreement between *Norway* and *Spain* and extending the term of copyright protection for works considered as having one of the two countries as their country of origin, was published in *Copyright* in 1969 ¹⁸.

5. National Legislation

New copyright laws were promulgated in *Huugary* and in *Australia*. The text of the Huugarian law was published in *Copyright* in 1969 ¹⁹, and the Australian law will shortly be published. Orders and decrees relating to copyright, promulgated in *Tunisia* ²⁰, the *United Kingdom* ²¹, and *Rumania* ²². have also been published in this Review.

As far as the legislation of non-Union countries is concerned, two laws promulgated in 1968 were published in the Review: that of Singapore 23 and that of Libya 24.

II. Neighboring Rights

1. Rome Convention

State of the Convention

Paraguay deposited, on November 26, 1969, an instrument of ratification of the Rome Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. This ratification becomes effective on February 26, 1970, thus bringing the number of Contracting States up to 11²⁵.

Session of the Intergovernmental Committee

The Intergovernmental Committee established under Article 32 of the Rome Convention held its second ordinary session in Paris, from December 10 to 12, 1969. The Committee took cognizance of the results of inquiries carried out by the secretariats concerning implementation of the Rome Convention in the contracting countries and also concerning the possibilities of accession to that Convention by other countries. It further examined the problems, as regards the so-called neighboring rights, raised by radio and television broadcasts transmitted by space satellites.

Moreover, new members of the Intergovernmental Committee were elected at a meeting of the States party to the Rome Convention. As a result of these elections, the following States now serve on the Committee: Brazil, Denmark, Germany (Fed. Rep.), Mexico, Niger, United Kingdom.

2. National Legislation

Ireland promulgated a Performers' Protection Act in 1968, which was published in this Review in 1969²⁶.

Some of the copyright laws mentioned above also include provisions on neighboring rights. These are, in particular, the laws promulgated in Australia (protection of rights in phonograms and broadcasts), Hungary (protection of performers), and Singapore (protection of rights in phonograms).

III. BIRPI and WIPO

1. BIRPI

Interunion Coordination Committee (7th Session, Geneva, September 22 to 25, 1969)

The seventh ordinary session of the Interunion Coordination Committee met in Geneva from September 22 to 25, 1969. As regards the Berne Union, it approved the program of BIRPI for 1970 as far as copyright and neighboring rights are concerned. This program provides for the possibility of convening a diplomatic conference for the purpose of revising the Berne Convention. It also provides for the continuation of the work in the field of copyright problems concerning communication satellites and computers ²⁷.

2. WIPO

Ratification of the Convention

With regard to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), eight instruments of ratification were deposited with the Director of BIRPI throughout 1969: the instrument of ratification of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, deposited on February 12, 1969 28, that of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, deposited on February 26, 1969 29, that of Rumania, deposited on February 28, 1969 30, that of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, deposited on March 19, 1969 31, that of Spain, deposited on June 6, 1969 32, that of Israel, deposited on July 30, 1969 33, that of Sweden, deposited on August 12, 1969 34, and that of Hungary, deposited on December 19, 1969 35.

It is recalled that, in 1968, Ireland signed the WIPO Convention without reservation as to ratification, the German Democratic Republic deposited its instrument of accession, and Senegal and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics deposited their instruments of ratification ³⁶.

The Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization has therefore been the subject, to date, of one signature without reservation as to ratification (Ireland), ten ratifications (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Hungary, Israel, Rumania, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and one accession (German Democratic Republic) ³⁷.

The Convention has not yet entered into force.

¹⁸ Ibid., 1969, p. 115.

¹⁹ Ibid., 1969, p. 236.

²⁰ Ibid., 1969, p. 14.

²¹ Ibid., 1969, pp. 28 and 176.

²² *Ibid.*, 1969, p. 121.

 ²³ *Ibid.*, 1969, p. 27.
 24 *Ibid.*, 1969, p. 116.

²⁵ For details, see table p. 12.

²⁶ Ibid., 1969, p. 134.

²⁷ *Ibid.*, 1969, p. 211.

²⁸ Ibid., 1969, p. 46.

²⁹ Ibid., 1969, p. 47.

³⁰ Ibid., 1969, p. 46.

³¹ *Ibid.*, 1969, p. 79.
32 *Ibid.*, 1969, p. 131.

³³ *Ibid.*, 1969, p. 166.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, 1969, p. 183.

³⁵ The text of the notification relating thereto will be published at a later date.

³⁶ Ibid., 1969, p. 8.

³⁷ Agreement has not been reached among the signatory States on the question whether or not this accession should be considered valid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Portugal

Attribution of the Original Copyright to the Entity Financing or Publishing the Work

NEWS ITEMS .

State of Ratifications of and Accessions to the Conventions and Agreements affecting Copyright on January 1, 1970

International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations

(Rome, October 26, 1961)

Contracting States	Deposit of Instrument	Coming into Force	Ratification (R) or Accession (A
Brazil	June 29, 1965	September 29, 1965	R
Congo (Brazzaville)*)	June 29, 1962	May 18, 1964	\mathbf{A}
Czechoslovakia*)	May 13, 1964	August 14, 1964	\mathbf{A}
Denmark *)	June 23, 1965	September 23, 1965	R
Ecuador	December 19, 1963	May 18, 1964	R
Germany (Fed. Rep.) *)	July 21, 1966	October 21, 1966	R
Mexico	February 17, 1964	May 18, 1964	R
Niger*)	April 5, 1963	May 18, 1964	\mathbf{A}
Paraguay	November 26, 1969	February 26, 1970	R
Sweden*)	July 13, 1962	May 18, 1964	R
United Kingdom*)	October 30, 1963	May 18, 1964	R

^{*)} The instruments of ratification or accession deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations were accompanied by "declarations". As to Congo (Brazzaville), see Le Droit d'Auteur (Copyright), 1964, p. 127; as to Czechoslovakia, see ibid., 1964, p. 110; as to Denmark, see Copyright, 1965, p. 214; as to Germany (Fed. Rep.), see ibid., 1966, p. 237; as to Niger, see Le Droit d'Auteur (Copyright), 1963, p. 155; as to Sweden, see ibid., 1962, p. 138; as to United Kingdom, see ibid., 1963, p. 244.

European Agreement concerning Programme Exchanges by Means of Television Films

(Paris, December 15, 1958)

Contracting States	Deposit of Instrument	Coming into Force	Signature without Reservation in respect of Ratification (S) or Ratification (R) or Accession (A)
Belgium	March 9, 1962	April 8, 1962	R
Denmark	October 26, 1961	November 25, 1963	l R
France	December 15, 1958	July 1, 1961	S
Greece	January 10, 1962	February 9, 1962	R
Ireland	March 5, 1965	April 4, 1965	S
Luxembourg	October 1, 1963	October 31, 1963	\mathbf{R}
Netherlands	February 3, 1967	March 5, 1967	R
Norway	February 13, 1963	March 15, 1963	R
Sweden	May 31, 1961	July 1, 1961	R
Tunisia	January 23, 1969	February 22, 1969	. A
Turkey	February 27, 1964	March 28, 1964	R
United Kingdom	December 15, 1958	July 1, 1961	S

European Agreement on the Protection of Television Broadcasts

(Strasbourg, June 22, 1960)

Contracting States	Deposit of Instrument		Signature without Reservation in respect of Ratification (S) or Ratification (R)
Belgium *)	February 7, 1968	March 8, 1968	R
Denmark *)	October 26, 1961	November 27, 1961	R
France	June 22, 1960	July 1, 1961	S
Germany (Fed. Rep.) *)	September 8, 1967	October 9, 1967	R
Norway *)	July 9, 1968	August 10, 1968	R
Sweden	May 31, 1961	July 1, 1961	R
United Kingdom *)	March 9, 1961	July 1, 1961	R

^{*)} The instruments of ratification were accompanied by "options" in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Agreement. As to Belgium, see Copyright, 1968, p. 147; as to Denmark, see Le Droit d'Auteur, 1961, p. 360; as to the United Kingdom, see ibid., 1961, p. 152; as to Germany (Fed. Rep.), see Copyright, 1967, p. 217; as to Norway, see ibid., 1968, p. 191.

Protocol to the said Agreement (Strasbourg, January 22, 1965)

Contracting States	Deposit of Instrument	Coming into Force	Signature without Reservation in respect of Ratification (S) or Ratification (R)
Belgium	February 7, 1968	March 8, 1968	R
Denmark	January 22, 1965	March 24, 1965	S
France	January 22, 1965	March 24, 1965	S
Germany (Fed. Rep.)	September 8, 1967	October 9, 1967	R
Norway	July 9, 1968	August 10, 1968	R
Sweden	January 22, 1965	March 24, 1965	S
United Kingdom	February 23, 1965		S

European Agreement for the Prevention of Broadcasts Transmitted from Stations Outside National Territories

(Strasbourg, January 22, 1965)

Contracting States	Deposit of lustrument	Coming into Force	Ratification (R)
Belgium	Scptember 18, 1967	October 19, 1967	R
Denmark	September 22, 1965	October 19, 1967	R
France	March 5, 1968	April 6, 1968	R
Ireland	January 22, 1969	February 23, 1969	R
Sweden	June 15, 1966	October 19, 1967	R
United Kingdom	November 2, 1967	December 2, 1967	R

Universal Copyright Convention (Geneva, September 6, 1952)

Contracting States	Deposit of Instrument	Coming into Force	Ratifica- tion (R) or Acces- sion (A)	Protocols adopted
Andorra	31 XII 1952 ¹) 22 I 1953 ²)	16 IX 1955	R	2, 3 1, 2, 3
Argentina	13 XI 1957	13 II 1958	R	1, 2, 3
Australia	1 II 1969	1 V 1969	R	
	24 VII 1969	24 VII 1969 2 VII 1957	R R	1, 2, 3
Austria Belgium ³)	2 IV 1957 31 V 1960	31 VIII 1960	R	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3
Brazil	13 X 1959	13 I 1960	R	1, 2, 3
Camhodia	3 VIII 1953	16 IX 1955	A	1, 2, 3
Canada	10 V 1962	10 VIII 1962	R	3
Chile	18 I 1955	16 IX 1955	R	2
Costa Rica	7 XII 1954 18 III 1957	16 IX 1955 18 VI 1957	A R	1, 2, 3 1, 2
Czechoslovakia .	6 X 1959	6 I 1960	A	2, 3
Denmark	9 XI 1961	9 II 1962	R	1, 2, 3
Ecnador	5 III 1957	5 VI 1957	A	1, 2
Finland	16 I 1963	16 IV 1963	R	1, 2, 3
France 4)	14 X 1955	14 I 1956	R	1, 2, 3
Germany (Fed. Rep.) ⁵) .	3 VI 1955	16 IX 1955	R	1, 2, 3
Ghana	22 V 1962	22 VIII 1962	A	1, 2, 3
Greece	24 V 1963	24 VIII 1963	A	1, 2, 3
Guatemala	28 VII 1964	28 X 1964	R	1, 2, 3
Haiti	1 IX 1954	I6 IX 1955	R	1, 2, 3
Holy See	5 VII 1955	5 X 1955	R	1, 2, 3
Iceland	18 IX 1956 21 X 1957	18 XII 1956 21 I 1958	A R	1, 2
India	21 X 1957 21 X 1957	21 1 1958	A	3
Ireland	20 X 1958	20 I 1959	R	1, 2, 3
Israel	6 IV 1955	16 IX 1955	R	1, 2, 3
[taly	24 X 1956	24 I 1957 19 XII 1966	R R	2, 3
Japan	19 XII 1966 28 I 1956	28 IV 1956	R	1, 2, 3
Kenya	7 VI 1966	7 IX 1966	A	1, 2, 3
Laos	19 VIII 1954	16 IX 1955	A	1, 2, 3
Lebanon	17 VII 1959	17 X 1959	A	1, 2, 3
Liheria	27 IV 1956	27 VII 1956	R	1, 2
Liechtenstein Luxemhourg	22 X 1958 15 VII 1955	22 I 1959	A R	1, 2 1, 2, 3
Malawi	26 VII 1965	15 X 1955 26 X 1965	A	1, 4,
Malta	19 VIII 1968	19 XI 1968	A	
Mexico	12 II 1957	12 V 1957	R	2
Monaco	16 VI 1955	16 IX 1955	R	1, 2
Netherlands	22 III 1967 22 III 1967	22 VI 1967	R R	3
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New Zealand 6) .	11 VI 1964	11 IX 1964	A	1, 2, 3
Nicaragua	16 V 1961	16 VIII 1961	R	1, 2, 3
Nigeria	14 XI 1961	14 II 1962	A	100
Norway Pakistan	23 X 1962 28 IV 1954	23 I 1963	R A	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3
Panama	28 IV 1954 17 VII 1962	16 IX 1955 17 X 1962	A	1, 2, 3
Paraguay	11 XII 1961	11 III 1962	A	1, 2, 3
Peru	16 VII 1963	16 X 1963	A ·	
Philippines 7)	19 VIII 1955	19 XI 1955	A	1, 2, 3
Portugal	25 IX 1956	25 XII 1956	R	1, 2, 3
Spain 8)	27 X 1954 1 IV 1961	16 IX 1955 1 VII 1961	R	2 1, 2, 3
Switzerland	30 XII 1955	30 III 1956	R R	1, 2, 3
	19 III 1969	19 VI 1969	A	1, 2
Tunisia	19 III 1969	19 III 1969	A	3
United Kingdom 9)	27 VI 1957	27 IX 1957	R	1, 2, 3
United States of America 10) .	6 XII 1954	16 IX 1955	R	1, 2, 3
Venezuela	30 VI 1966	30 IX 1966	A	1, 2, 3
Yugoslavia	11 17 1066	11 V 1966	R	1, 2,
Zamhia	1 III 1965	1 VI 1965	A	1

- 1) Date upon which an instrument of ratification of the Convention and of Protocols 2 and 3 was deposited on hehalf of the Bishop of Urgel, co-Prince of Andorra.
- 2) Date upon which an instrument of ratification of the Convention and of Protocols 1, 2 and 3 was deposited on helialf of the President of the French Republic, co-Prince of Andorra.
- 3) The Director-General of Unesco received from the Belgian Government a notification of application of the Convention and Protocols 1, 2 and 3 to the Trust Territory of Rwanda-Urundi, effective from April 24, 1961
- 4) On November 16, 1955, France notified the Director-General of Unesco that the Conventiou and the three Protocols apply, as from the date of their entry into force in respect of France, to Metropolitan France and to the Departments of Algeria, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guiana and Réunion.
- 5) Following the deposit of the instrument of ratification, a statement was made on June 3, 1955, on hehalf of the Federal Republic of Germany: "The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany reserves the right, after complying with the preliminary formalities, to make a statement regarding the implementation of the Universal Copyright Convention and the additional Protocols 1, 2 and 3 so far as the Land of Berlin is concerned". On September 12, 1955, the Director-General of Unesco received the following declaration made on hehalf of the Federal Republic of Germany on September 8, 1955: "The Universal Copyright Convention and Protocols 1, 2 and 3 annexed shall likewise he applied in Land Berlin as soon as the Convention and the annexed Protocols come into force in respect of the Federal Republic of Germany".
- 6) On June 11, 1964, New Zealand notified the Director-General of Unesco that the Convention and its three Protocols shall apply, from their coming into force in New Zealand, to the Cook Islands (including Niue) and Tokelau Islands.
- 7) On November 14, 1955, the following communication was addressed to the Director-General of Unesco on hehalf of the Republic of the Philippines: "... His Excellency the President of the Republic of the Philippines has directed the withdrawal of the instrument of accession of the Republic of the Philippines to the Universal Copyright Convention prior to the date of November 19, 1955, at which the Convention would become effective in respect of the Philippines". This communication was received on November 16, 1955. By circular letter of January 11, 1956, the Director-General of Unesco transmitted it to the Contracting States of the Convention as well as to the Signatory States. Observations received from Governments were communicated to the Republic of the Philippines and to other States concerned by circular letter of April 16, 1957.
- 8) The instrument of ratification deposited on hehalf of Spain on October 27, 1954, related to the Convention and the three Protocols. Since Protocols 1 and 3 had not heen signed on behalf of Spain, the Director-General of Unesco, hy letter of November 12, 1954, drew the attention of the Government of Spain to this fact. In reply, the following communication was addressed to the Director-General of Unesco on January 27, 1955: "I am ... instructed hy the Minister of Foreign Affairs to inform you that the Spanish ratification of the Universal Copyright Convention applies solely to the documents in fact signed, viz., the Convention and Protocol No 2...". The States concerned were informed of this communication hy circular letter of March 25, 1955.
- 9) The Director-General of Unesco received notifications from the Government of the United Kingdom concerning the application of the Convention to the Isle of Man, Fiji Islands, Gihraltar and Sarawak (coming into force on March 1, 1962), to Zanzihar, to the Bermudas and North Borneo (coming into force on May 4, 1963), to the Bahamas and the Virgin Islands (coming into force on July 24, 1963), to the Falkland Islands, Kenya, St. Helena and Seychelles (coming into force on January 29, 1964), to Mauritius (coming into force on January 6, 1965), to Bechuanaland, Montserrat and Santa-Lucia (coming into force on May 8, 1966), to Grenada (coming into force on May 15, 1966), to the Cayman Islands (coming into force on June 11, 1966), to British Guiana (coming into force on June 15, 1966), to British Honduras (coming into force on October 19, 1966), to Saint Vincent (coming into force on November 10, 1967).
- 10) On December 6, 1954, the United States of America notified the Director-General of Unesco that the Convention shall apply, in addition to continental United States, to Alaska, Hawaii, the Panama Canal Zonc, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. On May 14, 1957, the United States of America further notified the Director-General of Unesco that the Convention shall apply to Guam. Notification was received on May 17, 1957. By letter of November 21, 1957, the Government of Panama contested the right of the Government of the United States of America to extend the application of the Convention to the Panama Canal Zone. By letter of February 28, 1958, the Government of the United States of America asserted that such extension of the Convention was proper under Article 3 of its 1903 treaty with Panama. Copics of the two letters have been communicated by the Director-General to all States concerned.

PARAGUAY

Ratification of the Rome Convention for the International Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations (with effect from February 26, 1970)

The Secretary-General of the United Nations informs us that the instrument of ratification of the Convention by the Government of Paraguay was deposited on November 26, 1969, in accordance with Article 24. paragraph 3.

In accordance with Article 25, paragraph 2, the Convention shall come into force for Paraguay three months after the date of deposit of its instrument of ratification, i.e. on February 26, 1970.

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CALENDAR

BIRPI Meetings

- January 19 to 23, 1970 (Geneva) Committee of Directors of National Industrial Property Offices of the Madrid Union (Marks)
 - Object: Study of Draft Regulations under the Madrid Agreement (Nice text) and administrative questions Invitations: All member States of the Madrid Agreement (Marks)
- January 19 to 23, 1970 (The Hague) Joint ad hoc Committee on the International Classification of Patents Temporary Working Group VI (1s1 Session)
 - Object: Harmonization of the English and French texts of the Classification Invitations: France, Spain, Switzerland, International Patent Institute Note: Meeting convened jointly with the Council of Europe
- February 24 to 27, 1970 (Geneva) Joint ad hoc Committee on the International Classification of Patents Bureau (1st Session)
 - Object: Supervision and coordination of the activities of the Working Groups Invitations: Czechoslovakia, Germany (Fed. Rep.), Netherlands, Soviet Union, United Kingdom, United States of America Observers: International Patent Institute Note: Meeting convened jointly with the Council of Europe
- March 9 to 20, 1970 (Geneva) Preparatory Study Group on PCT Regulations
 - Object: Study of Draft PCT Regulations Invitations: All member States of the Paris Union Observers: States not members of the Paris Union: India, Pakistan. Intergovernmental Organizations: United Nations; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; International Patent Institute; Organization of American States; Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty for Central American Economic Integration; Latin-American Free Trade Association; Council of Europea European Atomic Energy Community; European Economic Community; European Free Trade Association; African and Malagasy Industrial Property Office. Non-Governmental Organizations: Committee of National Institutes of Patent Agents; Council of European Industrial Federations; European Industrial Research Management Association; Inter-American Association of Industrial Property; International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property; International Chamber of Commerce; International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA); International Federation of Patent Agents; Japan Patent Association; National Association of Manufacturers (USA); Union of European Patent Agents; Union des industries de la Communauté européenne
- April 7 to 10, 1970 (Paris) Joint ad hoc Committee on the International Classification of Patents (3rd Session)
 - Object: Study of Draft Agreement for the revision of the European Convention on the International Classification of Patents for Invention of December 19, 1954 Invitations: Czechoslovakia, France, Germany (Fed. Rep.), Japan, Netherlands, Soviet Union, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America Observers: International Patent Institute Note: Meeting convened jointly with the Council of Europe
- April 13 to 17, 1970 (Geneva) Committee of Experts for the Revision of the Madrid Agreement (Marks)
 - Object: Study of the revision of the Agreement Invitations: All member States of the Madrid Agreement (Marks); Denmark, Finland, Japan. Norway, Soviet Union, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America Observers: Intergovernmental and international non-governmental Organizations concerned
- May 11 to 15, 1970 (Geneva) Working Group concerning the international classification of figurative elements in marks Object: Elaboration of a draft Classification Invitations: To be announced later
- May 19 to 21, 1970 (Geneva) Ad hoc Preparatory Committee for the Revision of the Berne Convention
 - Object: To prepare a draft text of the proposals for revision of the Berne Convention Invitations: France, Germany (Fed. Rep.), India, Italy, Mexico, Tunisia, United Kingdom, Yugoslavia Observers: Kenya, United States of America Non-participating Observers: All other States members of the Berne Union or party to the Universal Copyright Convention; representatives from international non-governmental organizations to be appointed
- May 25 to June 19, 1970 Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)
 - Invitations: All member States of the Paris Union Observers: Other States; Intergovernmental and international non-governmental Organizations concerned Note: The exact place of the Conference will be announced later

- June 23 to 25, 1970 (London) Joint ad hoc Committee on the International Classification of Patents Working Group V (1st Session)
 - Object: Supervision of the uniform application of the Classification Invitations: Germany (Fed. Rep.), Netherlands, Soviet Union, United Kingdom, United States of America Note: Meeting convened jointly with the Council of Europe
- June 29 and 30, 1970 (Geneva) Sub-Committee of the Committee of Experts for the International Classification of Goods and Services (Marks)

 Object: Consideration of proposals for amendments and additions to the International Classification Invitations: Members of the Sub-Committee
- July 1 to 10, 1970 (Geneva) Committee of Experts for the International Classification of Goods and Services (Marks)

 Object: Decisions concerning the proposals for amendments and additions to the International Classification Invitations: All member States of the Nice Union Observers: All member States of the Paris Union

Meetings of Other International Organizations Concerned with Intellectual Property

- January 12 to 16, 1970 (Luxembourg) Intergovernmental Conference for the setting up of a European system for the grant of patents Committee of Experts
- January 23, 1970 (Paris) International Literary and Artistic Association (ALAI) Executive Committee and General Assembly
- March 8 to 11, 1970 (London) International League Against Unfair Competition (LICCD) Mission to study the British law on restrictive practices in competition
- March 23 to 25, 1970 (Munich) International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (IAPIP) Council of Presidents
- May 2 to 6, 1970 (Istanbul) International League Against Unfair Competition (LICCD) Symposium
- May 11 to 16, 1970 (Paris) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) Ad hoc Preparatory Committee for the Revision of the Universal Copyright Convention
- June 22 to 27, 1970 (Las Palmas) International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC) 27th Congress