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Notifications Concerning Treaties

Berne Convention

New Member of the Berne Union

HONDURAS

The Government of Honduras deposited, on October 24, 1989, its instrument of accession to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of September 9, 1886, as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971, and amended on October 2, 1979.

The Berne Convention, as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971, and amended on October 2, 1979, will enter into force, with respect to Honduras, on

January 25, 1990. On that date, Honduras will become the 84th member of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works ("Berne Union").

Honduras will belong to Class VII for the purpose of establishing its contribution towards the budget of the Berne Union.

Berne Notification No. 126, of October 25, 1989.

Phonograms Convention

Accession

HONDURAS

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has informed the Governments of the States invited to the Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Phonograms that, according to the notification received from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Government of Honduras deposited, on November 16, 1989, its instrument of accession to the Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms

Against Unauthorized Duplication of Their Phonograms.

The said Convention will enter into force, with respect to Honduras, three months after the date of the notification given by the Director General of WIPO, that is on March 6, 1990.

Phonograms Notification No. 49, of December 6, 1989.

WIPO Meetings

Committee of Experts on Model Provisions for Legislation in the Field of Copyright

Second Session

(Geneva, November 6 to 10, 1989)

NOTE*

Introduction

Convened by the Director General of WIPO, the Committee of Experts on Model Provisions for Legislation in the Field of Copyright (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") met in Geneva, from November 6 to 10, 1989, for its second session, to continue and finalize the first discussions of the draft Model Provisions for Legislation in the Field of Copyright started at the first session of the Committee in Geneva, from February 20 to March 3, 1989.**

Experts from the following 49 States attended the meeting: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Libya, Madagascar, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Soviet Union, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Yugoslavia.

Representatives of four intergovernmental organizations and 18 international non-governmental organizations attended the meeting as observers. The list of participants follows this note.

Mr. György Boytha (Hungary) was unanimously elected Chairman. Messrs. Robert Dittich (Austria) and José María Morfín Patraca (Mexico) were unanimously elected Vice-Chairmen.

Continuation of the Examination of the Model Provisions for Legislation in the Field of Copyright

Discussions were based on the documents prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO.

The first session of the Committee discussed eight of the altogether 11 chapters of the draft Model Provisions. The second session of the Committee completed the first discussion of the Model Provisions by discussing the remaining three chapters, that is, Chapter VII: Transfer of Rights. Licenses. Waiving the Exercise of Moral Rights; Chapter IX: Obligations Concerning Equipment Used for Acts Covered by Protection; and Chapter XI: Final Provisions. It also discussed two annexes concerning non-voluntary translation and reproduction licenses that may be applicable in developing countries.

In the section-by-section discussion, a number of comments were made which are reflected in a summary manner in the report adopted by the Committee.

In respect of Chapter VII, a number of delegations and observers from intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations stressed the need for, and importance of, dealing with copyright contracts in the framework of the model provisions.

The views of the participants were, however, divided in respect of the question of what the desirable scope and nature of the provisions, in this field, might be. While some participants found the scope of the provisions and the way they regulated the questions concerning copyright contracts acceptable, a number of other participants considered that the provisions went too far and into too much detail, and proposed the deletion of the majority of the provisions or, at least, several of them. Still other participants were of the opposite view; they proposed that, in addition to the subjects covered

* Prepared by the International Bureau.

** See the note about the first session of the Committee, *Copyright*, 1989, pp. 146 to 151.

by Chapter VII, the provisions should be complemented by a further provision to guarantee the author's proportional participation in the profits resulting from the use of his work.

Some delegations and observers from international non-governmental organizations stressed that the provisions of Chapter VII should serve the protection of the interests of the authors who, as a rule, were in a weak position when negotiating contractual conditions with economically much stronger users. Some other delegations and observers from international non-governmental organizations said that the interests of authors should not be considered in a one-sided manner and pointed out that publishers, producers and other users also had justified interests that should be taken into account. The latter participants were in favor of a much wider recognition of contractual freedom and expressed the view that such a freedom was not necessarily against the interests of authors. It was also mentioned that one should not necessarily think of authors as isolated individuals because, frequently, important and strong organizations represented them. Some delegations, however, pointed out that the freedom of contracts should be subject to guarantees of fairness.

Several participants also referred to the provisions concerning moral rights. A large number of participants insisted that the principle of the inalienability of moral rights should prevail throughout the whole chapter. Other participants stated that the principle of inalienability did not mean that the author could not waive the exercise of his moral rights.

In respect of Chapter IX, a great number of participants commended WIPO for having put on the agenda the questions concerning the use of technical means for the protection of protected works.

It was also generally stressed that no final decision could yet be taken about the proposed provisions. Further studies were needed in the framework of WIPO that should deal both with the technical possibilities and with the legal and economic conditions of the employment of such means.

Several participants expressed their agreement with the principles proposed by the International Bureau, particularly with the following statement: "The underlying principle behind the provisions of the chapter is the following: The ever newer waves of technological development in many cases undermine the appropriate enjoyment and exercise of authors' rights. It is justified that wherever the same new technologies can offer an appropriate solution to eliminate or, at least, mitigate the prejudice caused by them to the legitimate interests of authors—without unreasonably prejudicing the legitimate interests of others—the application of such solutions should be made obligatory."

Other participants expressed, however, doubts whether technical solutions alone—that could be sooner or later circumvented—could really offer a solid basis for the protection of copyright. Some of those participants also referred to the problem that the obligation to use certain technical means might create trade impediments as well as obstacles to the enjoyment by the public of the results of technological development. Those statements were opposed by several other participants who referred to the fact that the proposed provisions took duly into account the interests of manufacturers and consumers, but, rightly enough, did not neglect, at the same time, the interests of authors, something that would be unjustified because the manufacturers of recorders and other machines, as well as consumers, did benefit in that respect from the creative efforts of the authors.

Some delegations expressed doubts or disagreement as to whether the proposed provisions would fit into traditional copyright law. Certain of those delegations stated that the questions to be regulated by such provisions should be considered as possible subject matter of trade law. Several other delegations were, however, of the view that the proposed provisions were, or at least might be, necessary for an appropriate protection of literary and artistic works, and, therefore, it was justified to further explore the extent to which technology could be used to improve efficient implementation of that protection.

In respect of Chapter XI, attention was drawn to the fact that the proposed provision concerning implementing regulations did not suit all possible constitutional systems, and it was proposed that a more neutral wording be found.

The annexes concerning non-voluntary translation and reproduction licenses that may be applied in developing countries were found to conform fully to the Appendix to the Berne Convention.

Two delegations stated, however, that they considered certain time limits in the Appendix—and, consequently, in the annexes—out of date, *inter alia*, because of recent development of telecommunication technology.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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Studies

News of Resale Royalty Right (*Droit de Suite*) in Brazilian Law

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Protection of Expressions of Folklore in Senegal

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Activities of Other Organizations

International Literary and Artistic Association (ALAI)

57th Congress

(Quebec City, September 26 to 30, 1989)

At the invitation of its Canadian Group, the International Literary and Artistic Association (ALAI) held its 57th Congress in Quebec City, Canada, from September 26 to 30, 1989. It was the first congress of ALAI held outside Europe.

The Congress was chaired by Professor Georges Koumantos, President of ALAI, assisted by Professor André Françon, Perpetual Secretary of ALAI, and was attended by some 150 participants representing various national groups of ALAI or from intellectual property circles of 30 countries.

WIPO was represented by Dr. Mihály Ficsor, Director, Copyright Law Division.

The agenda of the Congress contained the following three major topics and the papers submitted were followed by wide-ranging discussions:

— Computer programs, expert systems and mask works (rapporteur: Mr. Michel Racicot, Canada);

— Data banks (rapporteur: Professor André Lucas, France);

— Computer assisted/generated works (rapporteur: Professor Paul Goldstein, United States of America).

At the outcome of the deliberations on the first two topics, two resolutions drafted by the Executive Committee of ALAI were adopted, the operative parts of which are reproduced below. The finalization and adoption of a resolution on the third topic has been postponed to the next session of the Executive Committee.

Data Banks

(1) Data banks must respect the rules of copyright concerning existing works entered into such banks or exploited by retrieval therefrom, and it is not necessary for special rules to be enacted for the benefit of such banks;

(2) For the protection to be given to data banks themselves, the normal means should be copyright, as in the case of the protection that copyright gives to compilations and collections and on the same conditions as are applicable to the latter works, namely, among others, the condition of originality. In order to afford protection also to data banks that do not meet the general conditions of copyright, other means of protection are available, notably the recognition of neighboring rights or the application of the rules on unfair competition.

Software Protection

The Executive Committee of ALAI

(1) *Recalls* that software that does not possess the characteristics of an intellectual work and, in particular, does not meet the condition of originality should be given specific protection both by national law and by an appropriate international instrument;

(2) *Emphasizes* that, for software that does meet the general conditions that make it eligible for copyright protection, particularly that of originality, national laws and courts must assure the natural persons who are the creators of such software the full range of rights accorded to the authors of intellectual works by the international conventions.

Calendar of Meetings

WIPO Meetings

(Not all WIPO meetings are listed. Dates are subject to possible change.)

1990

- January 29 to February 2 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on the Interface Between Patent Protection and Plant Breeders' Rights** (jointly organized by WIPO and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV))
- The Committee will examine the interface between patent protection and plant breeders' rights, on the basis of documents of the International Bureau of WIPO and the Office of UPOV.
- Invitations:* States members of WIPO, UPOV or the United Nations and, as observers, certain organizations.
- February 19 to 23 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on the Settlement of Intellectual Property Disputes Between States (First Session)**
- The Committee will examine whether the preparation of a new treaty on the settlement of disputes between States in the field of intellectual property should start and, if so, with what content.
- Invitations:* States members of the Paris Union, the Berne Union or WIPO or party to the Nairobi Treaty and, as observers, certain organizations.
- March 12 to 16 (Geneva)** **Working group on the application of the Madrid Protocol of 1989 (First Session)**
- This working group will consider the draft of new Regulations under the Stockholm Act of the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol (adopted in Madrid in June 1989) relating to the said Agreement and will suggest other measures required by the co-existence of the Madrid (Stockholm) Agreement and the said Protocol.
- Invitations:* States members of the Madrid Union, States having signed or acceded to the Protocol, Greece, Ireland, the European Communities and, as observers, other States members of the Paris Union expressing their interest in participating in the Working Group in such capacity and certain non-governmental organizations.
- May 29 to June 1 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on the International Protection of Indications of Source and Appellations of Origin**
- The Committee will advise the International Bureau of WIPO on the possible conclusion of a new treaty on the international protection of indications of source and appellations of origin or the possible revision of the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration and on the possibilities of increasing the use of the registration facilities of that Agreement.
- Invitations:* States members of the Paris Union and, as observers, certain organizations.
- June 5 to 8 (Geneva)** **Consultative meeting of developing countries on the harmonization of patent laws**
- This consultative meeting will, on the basis of working documents prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO, study problems of particular relevance to developing countries in connection with the preparation of a treaty on the harmonization of certain provisions in laws for the protection of inventions.
- Invitations:* Developing countries members of the Paris Union or WIPO.
- June 11 to 22 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on the Harmonization of Certain Provisions in Laws for the Protection of Inventions (Eighth Session)**
- The Committee will continue to examine a draft treaty on the harmonization of certain provisions in laws for the protection of inventions.
- Invitations:* States members of the Paris Union and, as observers, States members of WIPO not members of the Paris Union and certain organizations.

- June 11 to 22 (Geneva)** **Preparatory meeting for the diplomatic conference on the adoption of a treaty on the harmonization of patent laws**
 The preparatory meeting will prepare the organization of the diplomatic conference which will negotiate and adopt a new treaty on the harmonization of patent laws. The preparatory meeting will, in particular, establish the draft rules of procedure of the diplomatic conference and decide which States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations should be invited to the diplomatic conference and in what tentative capacity.
Invitations: States members of the Paris Union.
- June 25 to 29 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on the Harmonization of Laws for the Protection of Marks (Second Session)**
 The Committee will continue to examine draft treaty provisions on the harmonization of laws for the protection of marks.
Invitations: States members of the Paris Union, the European Communities and, as observers, States members of WIPO not members of the Paris Union and certain organizations.
- July 2 to 6 (Geneva)** **PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters (Third Session)**
 The Committee will examine proposals for amending the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), in particular in connection with the procedure under Chapter II of the PCT.
Invitations: States members of the PCT Union and, as observers, States members of the Paris Union not members of the PCT Union and certain organizations.
- July 2 to 13 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on Model Provisions for Legislation in the Field of Copyright (Third Session)**
 The Committee will continue to consider proposed standards in the field of literary and artistic works for the purposes of national legislation on the basis of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.
Invitations: States members of the Berne Union or WIPO and, as observers, certain organizations.
- September 24 to October 2 (Geneva)** **Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions Administered by WIPO (Twenty-First Series of Meetings)**
 Some of the Governing Bodies will meet in ordinary session, others in extraordinary session.
Invitations: As members or observers (depending on the body), States members of WIPO or the Unions and, as observers, other States and certain organizations.
- October 15 to 26 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts Set up under the Nice Agreement (Sixteenth Session)**
 The Committee will complete the fifth revision of the classification established under the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks.
Invitations: States members of the Nice Union and, as observers, States members of the Paris Union not members of the Nice Union and certain organizations.
- *October 22 to 26 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on the Interface Between Patent Protection and Plant Breeders' Rights (Second Session) (jointly organized by WIPO and UPOV)**
 The Committee will continue to examine the interface between patent protection and plant breeders' rights.
Invitations: States members of WIPO, UPOV or the United Nations and, as observers, certain organizations.
- October 29 to November 2 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on a Protocol to the Berne Convention (First Session)**
 The Committee will examine whether the preparation of a protocol to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works should start, and—if so—with what content.
Invitations: States members of the Berne Union and, as observers, States members of WIPO not members of the Berne Union and certain organizations.
- October 29 to November 2 (Geneva)** **Working group on a possible revision of the Hague Agreement (First Session)**
 This working group will consider possibilities for revising the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs, or adding to it a protocol, in order to introduce in the Hague system further flexibility and other measures encouraging States not yet party to the Hague Agreement to adhere to it and making it easier to use by applicants.
Invitations: States members of the Hague Union and, as observers, States members of the Paris Union not members of the Hague Union and certain organizations.

* Dates particularly subject to possible change.

- *November 5 to 9 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on Measures Against Counterfeiting and Piracy (Second Session)**
The Committee will continue to consider draft model provisions for national laws on protection against counterfeiting and piracy.
Invitations: States members of the United Nations or specialized agencies and, as observers, certain organizations.
- *November 19 to 23 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on the Settlement of Intellectual Property Disputes Between States (Second Session)**
The Committee will continue the work it will have started during its first session (February 19 to 23, 1990).
Invitations: States members of the Paris Union, the Berne Union or WIPO or party to the Nairobi Treaty and, as observers, certain organizations.
- November 26 to 30 (Geneva)** **Working group on the application of the Madrid Protocol of 1989 (Second Session)**
The working group will continue the work it will have started during its first session (March 12 to 16, 1990).
Invitations: States members of the Madrid Union, States having signed or acceded to the Protocol, Greece, Ireland, the European Communities and, as observers, other States members of the Paris Union expressing their interest in participating in the Working Group in such capacity and certain non-governmental organizations.
- December 10 to 14 (Geneva)** **PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters (Fourth Session)**
The Committee will continue the work it will have started during its third session (July 2 to 6, 1990).
Invitations: States members of the PCT Union and, as observers, States members of the Paris Union not members of the PCT Union and certain organizations.
- 1991**
- January 28 to 30 (Geneva)** **Information meeting(s) on the revision of the Paris Convention**
An information meeting of developing countries members of the Paris Union and China and, if it is so desired, information meetings of any other group of countries members of the Paris Union will take place for an exchange of views on the new proposals which will have been prepared by the Director General of WIPO for amending the articles of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property which are under consideration for revision.
Invitations: See the preceding paragraph.
- January 31 and February 1 (Geneva)** **Assembly of the Paris Union (Fifteenth Session)**
The Assembly will fix the further procedural steps concerning the revision of the Paris Convention and will take cognizance of the aforementioned proposals of the Director General of WIPO. It will also decide the composition of a preparatory meeting which will take place in the first half of 1991.
Invitations: States members of the Paris Union and, as observers, States members of WIPO not members of the Paris Union and certain organizations.
- *June 3 to 28** **Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of a treaty on the harmonization of patent laws**
This diplomatic conference will negotiate and adopt a treaty on the harmonization of patent laws, which will supplement the Paris Convention as far as patents are concerned.
Invitations: To be decided by the preparatory meeting to be held from June 11 to 22, 1990 (see above).
- September 23 to October 2 (Geneva)** **Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions Administered by WIPO (Twenty-Second Series of Meetings)**
All the Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO meet in ordinary sessions every two years in odd-numbered years.
In the sessions in 1991, the Governing Bodies will, *inter alia*, review and evaluate activities undertaken since July 1990, and consider and adopt the draft program and budget for the 1992-93 biennium.
Invitations: States members of WIPO or the Unions and, as observers, other States members of the United Nations and certain organizations.
- *November 18 to December 6** **Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Fifth Session)**
The Diplomatic Conference will negotiate and adopt a new Act of the Paris Convention.
Invitations: States members of the Paris Union and, without the right to vote, States members of WIPO or the United Nations not members of the Paris Union as well as, as observers, certain organizations.

* Dates particularly subject to possible change.

UPOV Meetings

(Not all UPOV meetings are listed. Dates are subject to possible change.)

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| April 23 to 27 (a.m.) (Geneva) | First Preparatory Meeting for the Revision of the UPOV Convention
<i>Invitations:</i> Member States of UPOV. |
| April 27 (p.m.) (Geneva) | Consultative Committee (Forty-First Session)
The Committee will mainly discuss the outcome of the First Preparatory Meeting for the Revision of the UPOV Convention.
<i>Invitations:</i> Member States of UPOV. |
| June 25 to 29 (Geneva) | Second Preparatory Meeting for the Revision of the UPOV Convention
<i>Invitations:</i> Member States of UPOV. |
| October 15 and 16 (Geneva) | Third Preparatory Meeting for the Revision of the UPOV Convention
<i>Invitations:</i> Member States of UPOV. |
| October 17 (Geneva) | Consultative Committee (Forty-Second Session)
The Committee will prepare the twenty-fourth ordinary session of the Council.
<i>Invitations:</i> Member States of UPOV. |
| October 18 and 19 (Geneva) | Council (Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Session)
The Council will examine the reports on the activities of UPOV in 1989 and the first part of 1990 and approve documents for the Diplomatic Conference to Revise the UPOV Convention.
<i>Invitations:</i> Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental organizations. |

Other Meetings in the Fields of Copyright and/or Neighboring Rights

Non-Governmental Organizations

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| January 21 and 22 (Cannes) | International Association of Entertainment Lawyers (IAEL): International Lawyers Meeting |
| April 11 to 13 (Paris) | International Publishers Association (IPA): Copyright Symposium |
| May 8 to 11 (Washington) | Foundation for a Creative America: Bicentennial Celebration of the Enactment of the United States Patent and Copyright Laws |
| May 13 to 17
(Beetsterzwaag, Netherlands) | International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC): Legal and Legislative Committee |
| May 28 to 30 (Helsinki) | International Literary and Artistic Association (ALAI): Study Days |
| October 8 to 14 (Budapest) | International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC): Congress |