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Notifications Concerning Treaties

Berne Convention

New Members of the Berne Union

ECUADOR

The Government of Ecuador deposited, on July 8, 1991, 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 Ecuador, on

October 9, 1991. On that date, Ecuador will become the 86th member of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works ("Berne Union").

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

Berne Notification No. 134, of July 9, 1991.

GHANA

The Government of Ghana deposited, on July 11, 1991, 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 Ghana, on

October 11, 1991. On that date, Ghana will become the 87th member of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works ("Berne Union").

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

Berne Notification No. 135, of July 11, 1991.

MALAWI

The Government of Malawi deposited, on July 12, 1991, 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 Malawi, on

October 12, 1991. On that date, Malawi will become the 88th member of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works ("Berne Union").

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

Berne Notification No. 136, of July 12, 1991.

**Withdrawal of Declaration
Concerning Article 33(1) of the Paris Act (1971)**

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Government of Czechoslovakia deposited, on June 11, 1991, a notification by which it withdraws the declaration which, in 1980,* it made concerning Article 33(1) of the Berne Convention for

the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of September 9, 1886, as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971.

Berne Notification No. 133, of June 14, 1991.

* See Berne Notification No. 97, of January 11, 1980, in *Copyright*, 1980, p. 84.

Correspondence

Letter from Austria

Robert DITTRICH*

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Letter from Bulgaria

Georges SARAКINOV*

Calendar of Meetings

WIPO Meetings

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

1991

September 2 to 6 (Geneva)

Committee of Experts on the Settlement of Intellectual Property Disputes Between States (Third Session)

The Committee will continue the preparations for a possible multilateral treaty.

Invitations: States members of the Paris Union, the Berne Union or WIPO or party to the Nairobi Treaty and, as observers, certain organizations.

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 session every two years in odd-numbered years. In the 1991 sessions, 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: As members or observers (depending on the body), States members of WIPO or the Unions and, as observers, other States members of the United Nations and certain organizations.

October 17 and 18
(Wiesbaden, Germany)

Symposium on the International Protection of Geographical Indications (organized by WIPO in cooperation with the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany)

The Symposium will deal with the protection of geographical indications (appellations of origin and other indications of source), at the national and multilateral level.

Invitations: States members of WIPO and certain organizations. The Symposium will be open to the public (against payment of a registration fee).

November 4 to 8 (Geneva)

Committee of Experts on a Possible 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 and members of the Berne Union and certain organizations.

November 11 to 18 (Geneva)

Working Group on the Application of the Madrid Protocol of 1989 (Fourth Session)

The Working Group will continue to study Regulations for the implementation of the Madrid Protocol.

Invitations: States members of the Madrid Union, States having signed or acceded to the Protocol, 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.

UPOV Meetings

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

1991

October 21 and 22 (Geneva)

Administrative and Legal Committee

Invitations: Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental organizations.

- October 23 (Geneva)** **Consultative Committee (Forty-Fourth Session)**
 The Committee will prepare the twenty-fifth ordinary session of the Council.
Invitations: Member States of UPOV.
- October 24 and 25 (Geneva)** **Council (Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Session)**
 The Council will examine the reports on the activities of UPOV in 1990 and the first part of 1991 and approve the program and budget for the 1992-93 biennium.
Invitations: Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and inter-governmental organizations.

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

Non-Governmental Organizations

1991

- September 30 to October 4 (Prague) International Copyright Society (INTERGU): Congress
- October 1 to 4 (Berlin) International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations (IFRRO): Annual General Meeting
- October 5 and 6 (Madrid) International Literary and Artistic Association (ALAI): Executive Committee
- October 7 to 9 (Salamanca) International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP): Annual Meeting

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- January 27 to February 1 (New Delhi) International Publishers Association (IPA): Congress
- October 18 to 24 (Maastricht/Liège) International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC): Congress

