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Editor's Note

HONDURAS

Law on the Intellectual Rights of Producers of Phonograms (No. 131-91 of October 22, 1991) Text 1-01

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Notifications Concerning Treaties Administered by WIPO in the Field of Copyright

WIPO Convention

Accession

ALBANIA

The Government of Albania deposited, on March 31, 1992, its instrument of accession to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, signed at Stockholm on July 14, 1967, and amended on October 2, 1979.

establishing its contribution towards the budget of the WIPO Conference.

The said Convention, as amended on October 2, 1979, will enter into force, with respect to Albania, on June 30, 1992.

Albania will belong to Class C for the purpose of

WIPO Notification No. 156, of April 1, 1992.

Treaty on the International Registration of Audiovisual Works

Accession

ARGENTINA

The Government of Argentina deposited, on April 29, 1992, its instrument of accession to the Treaty on the International Registration of Audiovisual Works, adopted at Geneva on April 18, 1989.

The said Treaty will enter into force, with respect to Argentina, on July 29, 1992.

IRAW Notification No. 9, of April 30, 1992.

Normative Activities of WIPO in the Field of Copyright

Committee of Experts on a Possible Protocol to the Berne Convention for the protection of Literary and Artistic Works. The second session of the Committee of Experts was held at WIPO's head-

quarters in Geneva from February 10 to 17, 1992. The report of this session of the Committee was published in the April issue of this review.

Activities of WIPO in the Field of Copyright Specially Designed for Developing Countries

Africa

Assistance with Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Cameroon. In February 1992, a government official from Cameroon visited WIPO and had discussions with WIPO officials and a WIPO consultant from Switzerland concerning assistance from WIPO in strengthening the collective administration of copyright in Cameroon.

Kenya. In February 1992, at the request of the Attorney General of Kenya, the International Bureau gave its opinion on the compatibility of the Copyright Act of Kenya with the Berne Convention and on proposed amendments needed for the accession, which is under consideration, of that country to that Convention.

Asia and the Pacific

Assistance with Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Joint WIPO/CEC/EPO Mission. In February 1992, a WIPO official undertook a fact-finding mission, together with officials from the Commission of the European Communities (CEC) and the European Patent Office (EPO) in five of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand. The program of the visit had been established during a tripartite meeting previously held at WIPO in Geneva. The main purpose of the mission was to explore the feasibility of a regional

project for ASEAN countries for the strengthening of intellectual property, with the financial support of the European Communities.

Inter-country. In February 1992, the WIPO official who undertook the joint WIPO/CEC/EPO mission used the occasion of his visit in the above-mentioned ASEAN countries to review with government authorities and UNDP officials in those countries, as well as officials of the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, progress on other ongoing and future activities organized by WIPO for the strengthening of intellectual property systems of those countries.

China. In February 1992, two WIPO officials discussed, in Geneva, with two officials of the National Copyright Administration of China (NCAC) the cooperation program for 1992-93, particularly in regard to the establishment of an appropriate system of collective administration of copyright.

India. In February 1992, a WIPO official had discussions in Geneva with a government official from India on the draft revision of the Copyright Law of India.

Laos. In February 1992, a WIPO official visited Vientiane to discuss with government authorities the possible accession of Laos to the WIPO Convention, the establishment of an industrial property system and other matters relating to cooperation between WIPO and Laos. The WIPO official also had discussions with the UNDP officials there.

Hong Kong. In February 1992, an official of the Intellectual Property Department visited WIPO to discuss questions of mutual interest.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Assistance with Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Mexico. In February 1992, a government official visited WIPO to discuss copyright cooperation activities.

Peru. In February 1992, the Minister for Foreign Affairs visited WIPO and had discussions with

the Director General and WIPO officials on cooperation between WIPO and Peru, the possible accession of Peru to treaties administered by WIPO and the intellectual property situation in the member countries of the Commission of the Cartagena Agreement (JUNAC).

Development Cooperation (in General)

Japan. In February 1992, a government official from the Agency for Cultural Affairs visited WIPO to discuss cooperation with WIPO, primarily for the benefit of Asian countries.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). In February 1992, a WIPO official at-

tended a UNDP/interagency meeting on special program resources orientation on technology transfer and adaptation in New York.

In February 1992, a WIPO official attended the UNDP Governing Council's organizational meeting for 1992 and the special session of the Governing Council in New York.

Activities of WIPO in the Field of Copyright Specially Designed for European Countries in Transition to Market Economy

National Activities

Estonia. In February 1992, a WIPO official visited Tallinn and had discussions with government officials concerning the preparation of a draft copyright law, the accession of Estonia to the Berne Convention and the modernization of the collective administration organization in the country. He also gave a lecture at the University of Tartu on the role and activities of WIPO.

Hungary. In February 1992, the Director General received the President of the Supreme Court of Hungary and discussed with him, *inter alia*, the sta-

tus and recent developments of the intellectual property laws of the country.

Poland. In February 1992, at the request of the national authorities, the International Bureau gave advice on the draft amendments to the Copyright Law.

Romania. In February 1992, a WIPO official and a consultant from Switzerland visited Bucharest to discuss with government authorities the modernization of copyright legislation and the system of collective administration of copyright.

In February 1992, two officials from Romania visited WIPO to review legal issues on copyright.

Contacts of the International Bureau of WIPO with Governments and International Organizations in the Field of Copyright

United Nations

United Nations. Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC). In February 1992, a WIPO official attended a meeting of the Organizational Committee of the ACC held in New York.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). In February 1992, a WIPO official attended the Eighth Session of UNCTAD held in Cartagena de Indias (Colombia).

Regional Organizations

European Parliament. In February 1992, a WIPO official received the visit of two members of the European Parliament who came to hold general discussions on the worldwide protection of intellectual property.

Other Organizations

International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC). In February 1992,

the Director General and a WIPO official attended a session of the European Committee of CISAC in Munich. During the session, the Director General delivered a lecture on WIPO's activities concerning the collective administration of copyright and on the preparatory work of the proposed Berne Protocol.

International Literary and Artistic Association (ALAI). In February 1992, a WIPO official attended a session of the Executive Committee of ALAI held at WIPO's headquarters in Geneva. The Executive Committee discussed, *inter alia*, the WIPO memorandum prepared for, and the results of the discussions at, the first two sessions of the WIPO Committee of Experts on a Possible Protocol to the Berne Convention.

Islamic Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization (ISESCO). In February 1992, a WIPO official discussed possible cooperation activities in 1992 in the field of copyright and neighboring rights with an ISESCO official in Geneva.

Japan Trademark Association (JTA) and Customs Intellectual Property Information Centre (CIPIC),

Japan Tariff Association. In February 1992, a representative of JTA and a representative of CIPIC, *Japan Tariff Association*, visited WIPO and had discussions with WIPO officials concerning the activities of WIPO with respect to trademark law harmonization, the Madrid Protocol and protection against counterfeiting and piracy.

National Contacts

Germany. In February 1992, the head of the Copyright Section of the Federal Ministry of Jus-

tice visited WIPO to discuss patent and copyright protection of computer programs with a WIPO official.

Spain. In February 1992, further to the request of the Minister of Culture of Spain, the International Bureau gave its opinion concerning a draft law on the revision of the Law on Intellectual Property of Spain.

United States of America. In February 1992, the Director General received a United States delegation, led by a member of Congress, to discuss treaties and legislation in the field of copyright.

Miscellaneous News

National News

Japan. The Copyright Law was amended with effect from January 1, 1992.

Calendar of Meetings

WIPO Meetings

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

1992

- June 1 to 5 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on the Harmonization of Laws for the Protection of Marks (Third Session)**
 The Committee will continue to examine a draft trademark law treaty, with particular emphasis on the harmonization of formalities with respect to trademark registration procedures.
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.
- June 15 to 19 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on a Model Law on the Protection of the Intellectual Property Rights of Producers of Sound Recordings**
 The Committee will consider a draft Model Law dealing with the protection of the rights of producers of sound recordings, which could be used by legislators at the national or regional level.
Invitations: States members of the Berne Union or WIPO, or party to the Rome Convention or the Phonograms Convention, and, as observers, certain organizations.
- September 21 to 29 (Geneva)** **Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions Administered by WIPO (Twenty-Third 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 12 to 16 (Geneva)** **Working Group on the Application of the Madrid Protocol of 1989 (Fifth Session)**
 The Working Group will continue to review joint Regulations for the implementation of the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and of the Madrid Protocol, as well as draft forms to be established under those Regulations.
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.
- November 2 to 6 (Geneva)** **WIPO Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Copyright and Neighboring Rights (Tenth Session)**
 The Committee will review and evaluate the activities carried out under the WIPO Permanent Program for Development Cooperation Related to Copyright and Neighboring Rights since the Committee's last session (April 1991) and make recommendations on the future orientation of the said Program.
Invitations: States members of the Committee and, as observers, States members of the United Nations not members of the Committee and certain organizations.
- November 9 to 13 (Geneva)** **WIPO Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property (Fifteenth Session)**
 The Committee will review and evaluate the activities carried out under the WIPO Permanent Program for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property since the Committee's last session (July 1991) and make recommendations on the future orientation of the said Program.
Invitations: States members of the Committee and, as observers, States members of the United Nations not members of the Committee and certain organizations.
- November 30 to December 4 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on a Possible Protocol to the Berne Convention (Third Session)**
 The Committee will continue to examine the question of the preparation of a possible protocol to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.
Invitations: States members of the Berne Union, the Commission of the European Communities and, as observers, States members of WIPO not members of the Berne Union and certain organizations.

UPOV Meetings

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

1992

- October 26 and 27 (Geneva)** **Administrative and Legal Committee**
Invitations: Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental organizations.
- October 28 (Geneva)** **Consultative Committee (Forty-Fifth Session)**
Invitations: Member States of UPOV.
- October 29 (Geneva)** **Council (Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session)**
Invitations: Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.
- October 30 (Geneva)** **Meeting with International Organizations**
Invitations: International non-governmental organizations, member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental organizations.

Other Meetings

1992

- September 24 and 25 (Helsinki)** International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations (IFRRO): Annual General Meeting.
- October 5 to 7 (Sitges)** International Literary and Artistic Association (ALAI): Study Days.
- October 7 to 10 (Amsterdam)** International League of Competition Law (LIDC): Congress.
- October 18 to 24 (Maastricht/Liège)** International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC): Congress.
- November 15 to 21 (Buenos Aires)** International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys (FICPI): Executive Committee.

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- June 7 to 11 (Vejde)** International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys (FICPI): Executive Committee.
- June 26 to July 1 (Berlin)** Licensing Executives Society (International) (LES): Annual Meeting.
- September 27 to 29 (Helsinki)** International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI) (Finnish Group): Symposium.

1994

- June 20 to 24 (Vienna)** International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys (FICPI): Congress.
N.B. New dates
- June 12 to 18 (Copenhagen)** International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI): Executive Committee.

