

INTERNATIONAL UNION

Entry into force of the Additional Act to the Arrangement of The Hague concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs or Models on 1st December, 1962

Ratification by the Federal Republic of Germany (25th October, 1962)

We have been informed by the Federal Political Department of the Swiss Government and by the Government of the Principality of Monaco that the Federal Republic of Germany has deposited, on 25th October, 1962, its instrument of ratification of the Additional Act to The Hague Arrangement for the International Deposit of Industrial Designs or Models, signed at Monaco on 18th November, 1961.

In its ratification the Federal Republic of Germany has indicated that its ratification shall apply equally to the Land of Berlin, from the date on which the Accord enters into force in the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Federal Republic of Germany thus being the second State¹⁾ to ratify the Additional Act to the Arrangement of The Hague, this Accord will enter into force in accordance with paragraph (2) of Article 7 of the said Act, on 1st December, 1962, the notification by the Swiss Government having been made on the 1st November, 1962.

Joint Meeting of the Permanent Bureau of the Consultative Committee of the Paris Union and the Permanent Committee of the Berne Union

(Geneva, 15th to 19th October, 1962)

The Permanent Bureau of the Consultative Committee of the Paris Union for the Protection of Industrial Property met in Geneva on the 29th and 30th March, 1962²⁾, to examine the report of three Experts nominated by the Swiss Government in conformity with a request which had been made by the Consultative Committee of the Paris Union at its Meeting at Geneva in May 1961³⁾.

After examining this report, together with an analysis of it, prepared by its President, Mr. Guillaume Finnis, the Permanent Bureau decided to nominate a Working Group com-

posed of the President, Mr. Finnis (France), and Messrs. Němeček (Czechoslovakia), Roscioni (Italy), de Haan (Netherlands), Grant (United Kingdom) and Ladd (U. S. A.). The duty of this Working Group was to prepare documents on certain financial questions (ceiling of contributions of the States Members, financial effects of the possible adoption of a new scale of salaries, etc.), the immediate tasks of the United International Bureaux, the international status of the organs of the Unions, new functions, certain questions of organisation of the Bureaux, etc.

The Resolution adopted by the Permanent Bureau of the Consultative Committee of the Paris Union in March 1962 furthermore invited the Permanent Committee of the Berne Union to hold a Joint Meeting with it for the purpose of studying the proposals which would be contained in the working documents to be prepared, bearing in mind that any suggestion relating to the future organisation of the United International Bureaux was likely to have an effect on the Berne Union.

The Working Group appointed met in Geneva in June 1962¹⁾, and established a general document entitled "Plan of Reorganisation of BIRPI", together with two annexes, one containing Draft Financial Regulations and the other Draft Staff Regulations. One of the six members of this Working Group, Mr. Němeček (Czechoslovakia), being unable to take part in the Meeting of the 10th to 14th June, 1962, made his observations later.

This documentation, together with the observations of Mr. Němeček, was sent to members of the Permanent Bureau of the Consultative Committee of the Paris Union for the Meeting held at Geneva from the 10th to 13th October, 1962. The same documentation was also sent to members of the Permanent Committee of the Berne Union, together with an invitation to meet in Extraordinary Session jointly with the Permanent Bureau of the Consultative Committee of the Paris Union. This Joint Meeting was held in Geneva at the headquarters of the United International Bureaux from the 15th to 19th October, 1962, under the alternate chairmanship of Mr. Guillaume Finnis (France), Chairman of the Permanent Bureau of the Consultative Committee of the Paris Union, and of Mr. José-Antonio Garcia-Noblejas (Spain), Chairman of the Permanent Committee of the Berne Union. The representatives who appear in the list below took part in this Joint Session.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, the Permanent Bureau of the Consultative Committee of the Paris Union and the Permanent Committee of the Berne Union adopted texts which are set out hereafter.

List of Participants

Abbreviations:

- BP = Member of the Permanent Bureau of the Paris Union.
 CP = Member of the Permanent Committee of the Berne Union.
 BPCP = Member of both.

¹⁾ France ratified the Additional Act on 25th May, 1962 (see *Industrial Property*, No. 7, July 1962, p. 162).

²⁾ See *Industrial Property*, May 1962, p. 112.

³⁾ See *Industrial Property Quarterly*, 1961, No. 3, p. 197.

¹⁾ See *Industrial Property*, June 1962, p. 143.