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## MALTA JOINS THE UNIVERSAL COPYRIGHT CONVENTION

The United States Department of State has been informed by the Director-General of UNESCO that the instrument of accession by Malta to the Universal Copyright Convention was deposited on August 19, 1968.

In accordance with Article IX, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the latter came into force with respect to Malta on November 19, 1968, three months after the deposit of the instrument of accession.

Malta is the 56th country to become a party to the Universal Copyright Convention.

The Universal Copyright Convention (the U.C.C.), which came into force on September 16, 1955, is an international treaty to which the United States is a party. Its practical purpose is to reduce to a minimum the formalities required for securing copyright protection for the works of citizens of participating countries in other participating countries.

A list of participating countries and other information on international copyright may be obtained from the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.