

Announcement

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UNIVERSAL COPYRIGHT CONVENTION AS REVISED, WITH PROTOCOLS

The President transmitted to the Senate, on March 15, 1972, for its advice and consent to ratification, the Universal Copyright Convention as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971, and the two related Protocols.

The full text of the President's letter of transmittal is set forth below.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 15, 1972.*

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith a certified copy of the Universal Copyright Convention as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971, together with two related Protocols. I transmit also, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Acting Secretary of State with respect to the Convention.

Essentially, the purpose envisaged in negotiating the Convention was to satisfy the practical needs of developing countries for ready access to educational, scientific, and technical works, without weakening the structure and scope of copyright protection presently offered by developed countries under the two multilateral conventions on copyright.

The 1971 revised Convention represents a fair and effective balance of different interests and will make a significant contribution to the solution of copyright problems. I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Convention and Protocols.

RICHARD NIXON.

In addition to the President's letter, the Report of the Acting Secretary of State to the President dated February 20, 1972, the text of the revised Universal Copyright Convention and of the two related Protocols, and the Report of the General Rapporteur of the Conference for Revision of the Convention held at Paris July 5-24, 1971, appear in a Senate document designated Executive G, 92d Congress, 2d Session.