

Announcement

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ENTRY INTO FORCE
OF THE
CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF PRODUCERS OF PHONOGRAMS
AGAINST
UNAUTHORIZED DUPLICATION OF THEIR PHONOGRAMS

The Copyright Office is informed that on April 18, 1973, three months after deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the fifth instrument of ratification (acceptance or accession) by Sweden on January 18, 1973, and, in accordance with Article 11 thereof, the Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms Against Unauthorized Duplication of Their Phonograms will enter into force.

The text of the Convention was prepared and adopted at Geneva, Switzerland, on October 29, 1971, by an International Conference of States (or Diplomatic Conference) convened for this purpose by the Directors General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in accordance with the resolutions or decisions of the competent bodies of the two Organizations.

At the expiration of the period required under Article 9 (that is, April 30, 1972), the following thirty-one States had signed the Convention: Austria, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Holy See, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Phillippines, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, and Yugoslavia.

The text of the Convention states that it "shall be subject to ratification or acceptance by the signatory States," and "shall be open for accession" by any State that is a member of the United Nations, any of the Specialized

Agencies brought into relationship with the United Nations, or the International Atomic Energy Agency, or is a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice. Prior to the action taken by Sweden, the following four countries had deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations:

Fiji	-	June 12, 1972
France	-	September 12, 1972
United Kingdom	-	December 5, 1972
Finland	-	December 18, 1972