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The Department of External Affairs announces that Mr. L. V. J. Roy, Canadian Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, Paris, today deposited with the Director-General of UNESCO Canada's Instrument of Ratification of the Universal Copyright Convention. The Convention will accordingly come into force for Canada three months from this date.

Canada signed the Universal Copyright Convention in 1952 but did not ratify it at that time. On March 1 the Senate approved a resolution to provide for ratification; this was followed by approval by the House of Commons on April 16, 1962.

There are forty other states that apply the Convention including the U.S.A., United Kingdom and France. Ratification by Canada will bring substantial benefits to Canadians, especially to authors and publishers. It will permit Canadian authors to publish their works in Canada and export copies to all member countries with full copyright protection. This is of particular importance in the U.S.A. where there is a substantial market for Canadian publications.