

PROTOCOL 3 ANNEXED TO THE UNIVERSAL COPYRIGHT CONVENTION
CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION
OR ACCEPTANCE OF OR ACCESSION TO THAT CONVENTION.

States parties hereto,

Recognizing that the application of the Universal Copyright Convention (hereinafter referred to as the "Convention") to States participating in all the international copyright systems already in force will contribute greatly to the value of the Convention;

Have agreed as follows:

1. Any State party hereto may, on depositing its instrument of ratification or acceptance of or accession to the Convention, notify the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as "Director-General") that that instrument shall not take effect for the purposes of Article IX of the Convention until any other State named in such notification shall have deposited its instrument.

2. The notification referred to in paragraph 1 above shall accompany the instrument to which it relates.

3. The Director-General shall inform all States signatory or which have then acceded to the Convention of any notifications received in accordance with this Protocol.

4. This Protocol shall bear the same date and shall remain open for signature for the same period as the Convention.

5. It shall be subject to ratification or acceptance by the signatory States. Any State which has not signed this Protocol may accede thereto.

6. (a) Ratification or acceptance or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Director-General.

(b) This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of deposit of not less than four instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession. The Director-General shall inform all interested States of this date. Instruments deposited after such date shall take effect on the date of their deposit.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Protocol.

DONE at Geneva, the sixth day of September 1952, in the English, French and the Spanish languages, the three texts being equally authoritative, in a single copy which shall be annexed to the original copy of the Convention. The Director-General shall send certified copies to the signatory States to the Swiss Federal Council, and to the Secretary-General of United Nations for registration.

(Here follow the names of the signatories for Andorra, the Federation of Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, the Republic of El Salvador, Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Guatemala, the Republic of Haiti, the Holy See, the Republic of Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Nicaragua, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, the Republic of San Marino, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia).