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ARTICLE 17

The carrying out of the present agreement is subject, so far as necessary, to the rules established by the constitutional laws of those of the countries of the Union which are bound to procure their application, which they engage to do with as little delay as possible.

ARTICLE 18

1. The Convention shall remain in force for an unlimited time till the expiry of one year from the date of its denunciation and notwithstanding a denunciation. This denunciation shall be addressed to the Government of the Swiss Confederation. It shall only affect the country in whose name the denunciation is made. The Convention remaining in operation as regards the other countries of the Union.

ARTICLE 19

1. The present Act shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification deposited in London not later than the 1st July 1888. It shall come into force when the countries in whose name it shall have been ratified, one month after that date. Nevertheless, ratification data it has been ratified in the name of at least six countries, it shall come into force between those countries, although other countries of the Confederation have not ratified it. The Government of the Swiss Confederation and in the case of countries in whose name it shall be ratified, it shall be ratified after the ratification of each of such ratifications.

2. The Government whose name the instrument of ratification has not been deposited with, the period contemplated by the preceding paragraph shall be entitled to accede in accordance with the terms of Article 19.

3. The present Act shall not affect the relations between the countries which it applies, in the Convention of the Union of Paris of 1859, and subsequent Revisions.

4. As regards the countries to which the present Act does not apply, but which the Convention of the Union of Paris revised at The Hague in 1870, the latter shall remain in force, though in some countries after 1871.

5. Similarly, as regards countries to which neither the present Act nor the Convention of the Union of Paris revised at The Hague applies, the Convention of the Union of Paris revised at Washington in 1811 shall remain in force.

ARTICLE 20

1. The present Act shall be signed in a single copy, which shall be deposited with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. A certified copy shall be forwarded by the latter to each of the Governments of the countries of the Union.

Done at London, in a single copy, the 2nd June 1888.

(They follow the names of the signatories for Belgium, Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States of America, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Yugoslavia.)