

ARTICLE 27.

(1) The present Convention shall replace, in regard to the relations between the countries of the Union, the Convention of Berne of the 9th September, 1886, and the subsequent revisions thereof. The instruments previously in force shall continue to be applicable in regard to relations with countries which do not ratify the present Convention.

(2) The countries on whose behalf the present Convention is signed may retain the benefit of the reservations which they have previously formulated on condition that they make a declaration to that effect at the time of the deposit of their ratifications.

(3) The countries which are actually members of the Union, but on whose behalf the present Convention is not signed may adhere to the Convention at any time.⁽¹⁾ In that event they may enjoy the benefit of the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

ARTICLE 28.

(1) The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications deposited at Rome, not later than the 1st July, 1931.⁽²⁾

(2) It shall come into force, between the countries which have ratified it, one month after that date, nevertheless, if before that date, it has been ratified by at least six countries of the Union, it shall come into force between those countries one month after the deposit of the sixth ratification has been notified to them by the Government of the Swiss Confederation and, in the case of countries which ratify thereafter, one month after the notification of each of such ratifications.

(3) Until the 1st August, 1931, countries outside the Union may accede to the Union by adhering either to the Convention signed at Berlin on the 13th November, 1908, or to the present Convention. On or after the 1st August, 1931, they may adhere only to the present Convention.⁽¹⁾

ARTICLE 29.

(1) The present Convention shall remain in force for an indefinite period until the termination of a year from the day on which it may have been denounced.

(2) Such denunciation shall be made to the Government of the Swiss Confederation. It shall only take effect in regard to the country making it, the Convention remaining in full force and effect for the other countries of the Union.

(1) For list of accessions, see pages 24-25.

(2) For list of ratifications, see page 24.