

Announcement

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THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL COPYRIGHT CONVENTION (THE UCC)

September 16, 1975 was the twentieth anniversary of the Universal Copyright Convention (the UCC), an international treaty to which the United States is a party. The UCC as drafted at Geneva in 1952, came into force on September 16, 1955. The UCC, as revised at Paris in 1971, came into force on July 10, 1974. As of this anniversary, some 65 countries are members of one or both versions. The practical purpose of the UCC is to reduce to a minimum the formalities for securing copyright among participating countries.

To mark these two decades of progress in the international recognition of intellectual property, the Copyright Office is issuing a newly revised circular on international copyright, describing the UCC and other international conventions and the methods of securing copyright through them. It is also issuing an updated circular showing all copyright relations of the United States with all other countries. These circulars can be obtained free on request from the Information and Publications Section, Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. 20559. ■