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MODEL LAW CONCERNING THE 1961 ROME CONVENTION

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The Secretariat of the Rome Convention consists of officials of three organizations: the International Labor Office, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the World Intellectual Property Organization. The text of the model law and commentary were adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee of the Rome Convention at its Second Extraordinary Session held at Brussels on May 6 and 10, 1974.