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OF LITERARY AND ARTISTIC WORKS (BERNE UNION)

ASSEMBLY

First Ordinary Session  
Geneva, September 21 to 29, 1970

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Opening of the Session

1. The Assembly of the Berne Union (hereinafter called "the Assembly") held its first ordinary session at Geneva from September 21 to 28, 1970.
2. The following States, members of the Assembly at the opening of the session, were represented: Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, Yugoslavia (32).
3. The States and organizations which were represented by observers are shown in the list of participants (document AB/I/INF/2.Rev.).
4. The session was opened by Mr. Edward Armitage (United Kingdom), Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole (see document AB/I/32, paragraph 5), acting as provisional Chairman of the Assembly.



Act of the Berne Convention in its entirety or with only the limitation set forth in Article 28(1)(b)(i) thereof." If new accessions to the Stockholm Act of the Berne Convention are not going to be permitted after the entry into force of the next revision Act--and that is precisely what is provided for in the draft texts appearing in document DA/33/17--States which have not acceded to the Stockholm Act will be deprived of the possibility of becoming members of WIPO.

17. The Director General declared that the observation of the Delegation of Japan was pertinent and the problem mentioned would be carefully studied. The Delegation of France requested that the contents of the intervention of the Delegation of Japan be communicated to all member States at the same time as the other preparatory documents for the revision Conference.

18. The Delegation of Romania, after recalling that its Government had agreed in principle with the planned revision, requested that the question of the unification of the international copyright conventions be studied.

19. The Delegation of Germany (Federal Republic) expressed the view that, notwithstanding the great interest the question presented, it could not be included in the program of the revision Conferences scheduled for 1971 since they were intended to deal essentially with the problem of meeting the needs of developing countries in the field of copyright.

Admission of Observers

20. See document AB/I/32, paragraph 44.

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21. See document AB/I/32, paragraph 98.

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