

(2) Any country of the Union may at any time in writing notify the Government of the Swiss Confederation that this Convention shall cease to apply to all or any of the territories which have been made the subject of a notification under the preceding paragraph, and the Convention shall cease to apply in the territories named in this notification twelve months after its receipt by the Government of the Swiss Confederation.

(3) All notifications given to the Government of the Swiss Confederation in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be communicated by that Government to all the Countries of the Union.

ARTICLE 27

(1) This Convention shall replace, in 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 relations with Countries which do not ratify this Convention.

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

(3) Countries which are at present members of the Union, but on whose behalf this Convention is not signed, may accede to it at any time *in the form provided for in Article 25*. In that event they may enjoy the benefit of the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

ARTICLE 27bis

A dispute between two or more Countries of the Union concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention, not settled by negotiation, shall be brought before the International Court of Justice for determination by it, unless the Countries concerned agree on some other method of settlement.

The Country requesting that the dispute should be brought before the Court shall inform the International Office; the Office shall bring the matter to the attention of the other Countries of the Union.

ARTICLE 28

(1) This Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications deposited at *Brussels*, not later than the 1st July, 1951.

The ratifications with the dates thereof and all declarations which may accompany them, shall be communicated by the Belgian Government to the Government of the Swiss Confederation, which shall notify the other Countries of the Union of all ratifications deposited.

(2) This Convention 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 notification to them by the Government of the Swiss Confederation of the deposit of the sixth ratification and, in the case of Countries which ratify thereafter, one month after the notification of each of such ratifications.

(3) Until the 1st July 1951, Countries outside the Union may join it by acceding either to the Convention signed at *Rome on the 2nd June, 1928*, or to this Convention. On or after the 1st July, 1951, they may accede only to this Convention. *The Countries of the Union which shall not have acceded to this Convention by the 1st July, 1951, may accede thereto in accordance with the procedure provided by Article 25. In this event they shall be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of Article 27, paragraph 2.*

ARTICLE 29

(1) This Convention shall remain in force *for an indefinite period*. Nevertheless, each Country of the Union shall be entitled to denounce it at any time, by means of a notification in writing addressed to the Government of the Swiss Confederation.

(2) This denunciation, which shall be communicated by the Government of the Swiss Confederation to all the other Countries of the Union, shall take effect only in respect of the Country making it, and twelve months after the receipt of the notification of denunciation addressed to the Government of the Swiss Confederation. The Convention shall remain in full force and effect for the other Countries of the Union.

(3) *The right of denunciation provided by this Article shall not be exercised by any Country before the expiry of five years from the date of its ratification or accession.*