

INTELLECTUAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 38

1. By the end of the fifth year after the entry into force of this Agreement, Lebanon shall ratify the revisions to the following multilateral conventions on intellectual property, to which Member States and Lebanon are parties or which are de facto applied by Member States:
 - Paris Convention for the protection of industrial property (Stockholm Act 1967 and amended in 1979),
 - Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (revised at Paris in 1971 and amended in 1979),
 - Nice Agreement concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the purposes of the Registration of Marks (Geneva 1977, amended in 1979).

2. By the end of the fifth year after the entry into force of this Agreement, Lebanon shall accede to the following multilateral conventions to which Member States are Parties or which are de facto applied by Member States:
 - Patent Cooperation Treaty (Washington, 1970, amended in 1979 and modified in 1984),

- Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (1977, modified in 1980),
- Protocol to the Madrid Agreement concerning the international registration of marks (Madrid, 1989),
- Trademark Law Treaty (Geneva, 1994),
- International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) (Geneva Act of 1991),
- Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property, Annex 1C to the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation (TRIPs, Marrakesh 1994).

The Parties shall make every effort to ratify the following multilateral conventions at the earliest possible opportunity:

- WIPO Copyright Treaty (Geneva, 1996),
 - WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (Geneva, 1996).
3. The Association Council may decide that paragraph 1 shall apply to other multilateral conventions in this field.