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Relation to the Berne Convention

1. Members shall comply with Articles 1 through 21 of the Berne Convention (1971) and the Appendix thereto. However, Members shall not have rights or obligations under this Agreement in respect of the rights conferred under Article 6bis of that Convention or of the rights derived therefrom.
2. Copyright protection shall extend to expressions and not to ideas, procedures, methods of operation or mathematical concepts as such.

1.2 Appendix to the Berne Convention (1971) as incorporated in the TRIPS Agreement

1. At its meeting of 16 July 1998, the Council for TRIPS took note of the following statement by its Chairperson, in the light of informal consultations on the calculation of renewable periods of ten years under Article I(2) of the Appendix to the Berne Convention (1971):

"The provisions of Article I(2) of the Appendix as incorporated into the TRIPS Agreement can be understood so that, for the purposes of the TRIPS Agreement, the relevant periods are calculated by reference to the same date, i.e. 10 October 1974, as for the purposes of the Berne Convention. This would mean that renewable periods of ten years would be the same for the purposes of both Agreements, and that, also under the TRIPS Agreement, the period of ten years currently running would expire on 10 October 2004."¹

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¹ [IP/C/M/19](#), para. 8; [IP/C/14](#).