On its session held on 9th of June 2003, the Council of Ministers endorsed the new copyright law which replaced the old law dating back to 1990. The new law, which shall come into force six months after publication thereof in the official gazette, protects original works of literature, arts and sciences in different forms including books, lectures and computer programs. The law considers folklore as a property of the state. The importance of the new law lies in the fact that it will combat piracy of computer programs and other original works. It is comprised of twenty-eight (28) articles.