



AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE ARIPO PROTOCOL ON VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION OF COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS

The Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the ARIPO Protocol on Voluntary Registration of Copyright and Related Rights adopted the following Resolution:

The Diplomatic Conference, having met on 27 and 28 August 2021 in Kampala, Republic of Uganda, for the purpose of adopting an ARIPO Protocol for the Voluntary Registration of Copyright and Related Rights;

Aware of the benefits to be derived from a regional system for voluntary registration of Copyright and Related Rights;

Recognizing the need to provide to copyright holders means of presumption of ownership of rights;

Hereby resolve as follows:

1. Member States should take the necessary steps to ensure a rapid ratification or accession to the Protocol.
2. Call on the Administrative Council to develop the necessary implementing regulations under Article 18 of the Protocol, in order to ensure a prompt and efficient implementation of the Protocol;

3. Call on Member States, Cooperating Partners and other stakeholders to provide financial and material support for the effective implementation of the Protocol;
4. The name of the adopted Protocol is: **THE KAMPALA PROTOCOL ON VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION OF COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS**

Adopted in Kampala, Uganda, on 28 August 2021, by the Member States of ARIPO represented at the Diplomatic Conference.