

**WIPO Internet Treaties:
WIPO Performance and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT)
and the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT)**

The following eight countries became parties to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Performances and Phonograms Treaties (WPPT) during May 2005-April 2006. The WPPT entered into force on May 20, 2002, and now has 57 contracting parties.

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Date of Entry Into Force</u> |
|-----------------------|--|
| Azerbaijan | April 11, 2006 |
| Bahrain | December 15, 2005 |
| Benin | April 16, 2006 |
| Cyprus | December 2, 2005 |
| Dominican Republic | January 10, 2006 |
| Oman | September 20, 2005 |
| Qatar | October 28, 2005 |
| United Arab Emirates | June 9, 2005 |

The following seven countries became parties to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Copyright Treaty (WCT) during May 2005-April 2006. The WCT entered into effect on March 6, 2002, and now has 58 contracting parties.

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Date of Entry Into Force</u> |
|-----------------------|--|
| Albania | August 6, 2005 |
| Azerbaijan | April 11, 2006 |
| Bahrain | December 15, 2005 |
| Benin | April 16, 2006 |
| Dominican Republic | January 10, 2006 |
| Oman | September 20, 2005 |
| Qatar | October 28, 2005 |