Pursuant to Article 36 paragraph 3 of the Law on the Government of the Republic of Macedonia (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 59/2000), and pursuant to Article 3 paragraph 2 of the Law on Concluding, Ratification and Enforcement of International Agreements, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia at its session held on 27 August 2002, passed the following

DECISION

on the Republic of Macedonia joining the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Treaty on Performances and Phonograms

- 1. The Republic of Macedonia is joining the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Treaty on Performances and Phonograms, adopted in Geneva on 20 December 1996.
- 2. With regard to the WIPO Treaty on Performances and Phonograms, the Republic of Macedonia will not:
 - apply the criterion of publication relating to the protection of producers of phonograms, in accordance with Article 3 paragraph 3 of the Treaty;
 - apply the provisions of Article 15 paragraph 1 of the Treaty, pursuant to Article 15 paragraph 3 of the Treaty.
- 3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall effectuate this Decision and submit the instrument for entering the negotiations, subject to the reservations expressed in paragraph 2 of this Decision, to the WIPO Director General, by 31 January 2003 at the latest.
- 4. This Decision shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia".

No. 23-4449/1 27 August 2002 Skopje **PRESIDENT**

Ljubco Georgievski