

Legislations to Protect Digital Works Available on the Web: An Analytical Study

ABSTRACT

Recent developments of communications and information technologies triggered intellectual production and gave rise to the emergence and widespread of digital works that became more accessible and easy to copy at low cost than they were before the spread of Internet services. This, consequently, resulted in multiple patterns of infringements of these works and the birth of the so-called cybercrime that violates copyright and related rights.

This study aimed, therefore, at identifying how far national and international legislations are able to protect intellectual property rights of the digital works available on the Internet and determining the nature of these works that represent the digital content published on the websites. It also attempted to define the position of Egypt with regard to domestic legislation and international agreements that support the protection of intellectual property rights in the Internet context.

The study utilized the analytical descriptive method to investigate the above-stated objectives revealing working weak legislations on both national and international levels in tandem with significant slow movements to empower current legislations to alleviate infringements of digital works available on the Internet. Authors resorted, therefore, to technological measures to protect their works in response to infringements of the copyright of their digital works available on the Internet. Hence, the study recommended the need to update both national and international legislations to keep pace with the constant developments in communications and information technologies, and support them by technical means and modern technological measures, while implementing adequate legal sanctions to prevent illegal fraud on such measures.

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