Brussels, 29 January 2019

Your Excellency Deputy Ambassador,
Dear European Commission Vice-President Andrus Ansip,
Dear MEPs Voss, Adinolfi, Boutonnet, Cavada, Dzhambazki, Geringer de Oedenberg, Joulaud, Maštálka, Reda, Stihler,

We are writing you on behalf of business organisations, civil society organisations, creators, academics, universities, public libraries, research organisations and libraries, startups, software developers, EU online platforms, and Internet Service Providers.

Taking note of the failure of the Council to find a majority for a revised negotiation mandate on Friday 18 January, we want to reiterate our position that the manifest flaws in Articles 11 and 13 of the proposal for a Copyright Directive in the Digital Single Market constitute insurmountable stumbling blocks to finding a balanced compromise on the future of Copyright in the European Union. Despite more than two years of negotiations, it has not been possible for EU policy makers to take the serious concerns of industry, civil society, academics, and international observers such as the UN special rapporteur on freedom of expression into account, as the premises both Articles are built on are fundamentally wrong.

In light of the deadlock of the negotiations on Articles 11 and 13, as well as taking into consideration the cautious stance of large parts of the creative industries, we ask you to delete Articles 11 and 13 from the proposal. This would allow for a swift continuation of the negotiations, while the issues that were originally intended to be addressed by Articles 11 and 13 could be tackled in more appropriate legal frameworks than this Copyright Directive.

We hope that you will take our suggestion on board when finalising the negotiations and put forward a balanced copyright review that benefits from wide stakeholder support in the European Union.

Yours sincerely,

Europe

1. European Digital Rights (EDRi)
2. Allied for Startups
3. Civil Liberties Union for Europe (Liberties)
4. Copyright for Creativity (C4C)
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25. Electronic Frontier Finland (EFFI)

26. Finnish Federation for Communications and Teleinformatics (FiCom)

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28. Conseil National du Logiciel Libre (CNLL)

29. NeoDiffusion

30. Renaissance Numérique

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32. Wikimédia France
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33. Bundesverband Deutsche Startups

34. Chaos Computer Club

35. Deutscher Bibliotheksverband e.V. [dbv]

36. Digitalcourage e.V.

37. Digitale Gesellschaft e.V.

38. eco – Association of the Internet Industry

39. Factory Berlin

40. Förderverein Informationstechnik und Gesellschaft [FITUG e.V.]

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