



SERVING AUTHORS WORLDWIDE
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AL SERVICIO DE LOS AUTORES EN EL MUNDO

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The European Committee of the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC), representing creators and authors' societies from all the European Countries, meeting in Istanbul, on the 14 and 15 September, 2010

Informed by its member society Sine Qua Non of the problems facing collective administration of authors' rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in particular the fact that still the majority of users (broadcasters, concerts' promoters, hotels, restaurants, etc.) do not respect their copyright obligations ;

Recalls that CISAC's mission is to protect and defend the moral and economic interests of over 2 million authors and composers all over the world;

Strongly and fully supports Sine Qua Non, a CISAC member since 2001, in its mission to realize and protect the interests of all authors in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Appeals to the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina to revise all the collective management organizations' (CMOs) licenses, so that only legitimate organizations can operate;

Regrets that the recently adopted Law on Collective Management of Authors' and Related Rights and Law on Copyright and Related Rights have not taken into due account all the suggestions of CISAC and SQN and has introduced some controversial provisions, which amount to an unjustified interference with the private nature of the rights at stake, and **calls** upon the Parliamentary Assembly of B&H for the immediate correction of such provisions.

Appeals to the Communications Regulatory Agency (CRA) of Bosnia and Herzegovina to take all possible measures in order to prevent further violations of authors' rights;

Respectfully requests that the Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina takes all necessary measures in order to establish a mechanism to coordinate the activities of law enforcement agencies in the area of IPR;

Respectfully requests that the High Representative and EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina takes all possible measures in order to remove any obstacles to the full application of Bosnia and Herzegovina's Copyright legislation.