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Resolution in Support of SINE QUA NON in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Administrative Council of CISAC, the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers representing more than 2 million authors and composers worldwide through its 209 member societies in 108 countries, meeting in Budapest on the 5th of June 2003,

Informed by its member society Sine Qua Non of the problems facing collective administration of authors' rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

- Recalls that CISAC's mission is to protect and defend the moral and economic interests of over 2 million authors and composers in the world;
- Notes that the Berne Convention and national copyright laws afford all creators intellectual property protection in respect of their creations;
- Strongly and fully supports Sine Qua Non, a CISAC member since 2001, in its mission to realise and protect the interests of all authors in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Points out that SQN has been empowered by national and foreign authors and publishers to permit as well as prohibit the use of national and foreign creative works and that users in general, and broadcasters in particular, cannot use these works without a proper licence or contract;
- Backs the legal proceedings and actions that Sine Qua Non has initiated against radio and TV stations and organisers of live performances in order to prevent the further violations of authors' rights;
- Calls upon public authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina to live up to their responsibilities and to offer support to Sine Qua Non in order to secure the implementation of obligations fixed in the Copyright Act of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Respectfully requests that the High Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina takes all possible measures in order to remove any obstacles to the full application of Bosnia and Herzegovina Copyright legislation.