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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 Bucharest on the 26th and 27th of April 2006,

Informed by its member society Sine Qua Non of the longstanding 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 more than 2 million creators all over the world;

Fully supports Sine Qua Non in its mission to defend and protect the interests of all authors in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Points out that Sine Qua Non is empowered by national and foreign right holders to authorize as well as prohibit the use of national and foreign works and that users in general, and broadcasters in particular, cannot use Sine Qua Non's repertoire without a license;

Backs the legal proceedings and actions that Sine Qua Non has initiated against radio and TV stations and other users in order to prevent further violations of authors' rights;

Underlines that proper judicial remedies are indispensable for the effective enforcement of copyright obligations;

AND

Calls upon all relevant public authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina to live up to their responsibilities by offering support to Sine Qua Non, thereby allowing Sine Qua Non to enforce the rights granted to authors under the Copyright Act of Bosnia and Herzegovina and under the international copyright conventions signed by Bosnia and Herzegovina.