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Mrs. Jennifer Geerlings - Simons
The Chair of the Parliament of the Republic of Suriname

Re: Copyright Law amendment

Dear Mrs. Chair of the Parliament,

I am writing respectfully to inform you that the society SASUR of Suriname, a member of our organization, the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC), represents the global musical repertoire in your country, through reciprocal contracts which it has signed with the societies composing CISAC.

Today we have learned from the media that the Parliament is urgently working on an amendment of the Surinamese Copyright Act. In this regard I pointedly request to you that all the amendments be made in conformity with the international treaties which Suriname has committed to uphold, such as the Berne Convention and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), so that the author's rights of all the right holders around the world, including those of Suriname, are respected equally and without any discrimination and enforcement of these rights can improve in Suriname. To this end we also offer our immediate support to the Parliament of Suriname in order to inform to the Parliament regarding to the international experience in this subject and the scope of legislation of this nature may have in relation to compliance with the international treaties aforementioned.

Hoping for your understanding we look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

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Cc: All the members of the Parliament of the Republic of Suriname