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To,

Mr. Sushil Satpute,
Director - DIPP
Ministry of Commerce and Industry
New Delhi

Sub: Protection of Content Owners in Broadcasting Treaty

Sir,

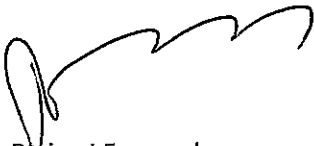
At the outset, IMI thanks DIPP for this initiative to open dialog regarding the issues related to Broadcasting Treaty. IMI welcomes the proposed draft of the Broadcasting treaty with the following submissions.

- 1) Any treaty to give protection to broadcasters must also ensure that the rights of the underlying content owners such as creators, performers and producers are not subsumed and are given adequate protection.
- 2) The Broadcast treaty should look to further strengthen the rights provided by the Indian law to the broadcasters and the content owners against illegal rebroadcasting of the signals over all means of transmission.
- 3) As per the current draft of the Treaty - transmissions over computer networks are excluded from the definitions of Broadcasting and Cablecasting. IMI agrees with this distinction.

On behalf of IMI & IFPI, thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond and we look forward to continuing a mutually rewarding partnership.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,



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