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Michel Barnier
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Dear Commissioner Michel Barnier,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Modern Poland Foundation with regards to the Public Consultation on the review of the EU copyright rules. We strongly believe that there is a need to extend the deadline of that consultation.

The Public Consultation on the review of the EU copyright rules was launched on the 5th of December this year and is planned to be finished on the 5th of February 2014. This tight schedule gives citizens of Europe only 2 months to respond to about 80 detailed questions.

The Modern Poland Foundation finds the initiative of make those Public Consultations very valuable, important and coherent with the idea of participatory democracy which is strongly needed for contemporary European problems. However, we strongly believe that the time period designed for the consultations is insufficient and may prevent the interested public from broad participation in the Consultations.

We would like to turn your attention to the fact that:

- during the consultation period there are three official holidays in Poland (Christmas, the New Year's Eve and the Three Kings Day) which makes the real time to attend the Consultations even shorter;

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- the questions posted within the Consultations are available in English only, therefore they need to be trustfully translated into Polish in order to make them comprehensible for wider audience which, as we understand, is the main objective of the public consultations.

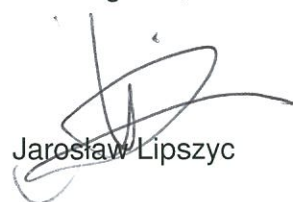
As it is commonly known, copyright is a topic that gained much public attention in Poland: the protests against the ACTA treaty being a remarkable example.

We would like to give Polish citizens the possibility to express their opinion within the frames of official and public consultations but it is important to stress that this requires adequate time to make the consultations accessible to people and prepare an information campaign which will enable their participation.

In view of the above, we would like to kindly request an extension of the consultations deadline until the 5th of April, 2014.

Your feedback to our request would be very much appreciated.

Kind regards,



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