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Dear Honourable Fubbs

Subject: Copyright Amendment Bill 2017 – European Union

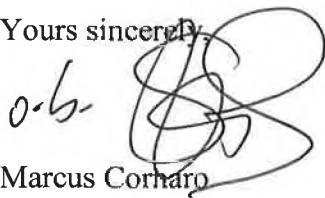
We would like to congratulate South Africa for marking a significant step forward in the establishment of a modern system for the protection of copyright in South Africa.

The EU has taken part in consultations which have led to the current text and presented comments on previous draft texts. We then raised a number of serious concerns which appear to be at least partly addressed.

We take note in particular of the efforts to align the current text to international legal commitments. We remain concerned however that the overall coherence of the current Bill may be lacking in some respect and that its overall impact may remain not adequately growth-oriented.

We are currently consulting widely with relevant stakeholders and would like to reserve the right to present more detailed comments at the upcoming hearing currently announced for August.

Yours sincerely,



Marcus Cornaro
Ambassador