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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your joint letter dated 10 July 2018 in which you express your concerns regarding the treatment of copyright in the IP chapter of a future EU-Mercosur Association Agreement.

Since the beginning of the negotiations nearly twenty years ago, the EU has been striving to promote EU interests and achieve the highest possible protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights including copyright, taking into account the interests of EU stakeholders.

Unfortunately, the countries of Mercosur have questioned the need for an IPR chapter in the future Agreement and resisted making commitments on a number of issues including on the accession to the WIPO "internet treaties".

Despite the difficult position of Mercosur, we are continuing efforts to negotiate substantive copyright provisions. We will do our utmost to defend EU interests in supporting innovation and creativity, and to achieve an acceptable level of commitment of Mercosur on IPR including copyright.

Yours sincerely,

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