

March 28, 2007

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for distributing the draft non-paper of March 8, 2007. The Canadian delegation will be responding to the draft non-paper but we are not able to meet the March 28, 2007 deadline. In particular, we wish to note that we maintain our position on allowing retransmitters to retransmit unencrypted wireless broadcasts within the country of reception without the consent of the broadcaster. This would be done by allowing an opt-out or reservation to the retransmission right. We will be submitting refined wording on this issue (a somewhat amended version of our submission of June 2003). We may also be commenting on other issues. At this time we simply wish to indicate that the fact that we have not made a submission on this issue by the deadline does not mean that we have changed our position.

Yours sincerely,

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