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INTRODUCTION

1. In preparation for the forthcoming Competitiveness Council on 29 May 2013, delegations will find below, for information, a Presidency progress report on the above mentioned subject.
2. A Commission proposal regarding this draft Directive was submitted on 11 July 2012. It aims at improving the way collective management organisations are managed by establishing governance, transparency and financial management standards. The proposal also seeks to set common standards for multi-territorial licensing by authors' collective management organisations of rights in musical works for the provision of online services, and thereby assist in promoting an environment in which the launch of online services becomes easier.

PROGRESS TO DATE

3. The Working Party on Intellectual Property (Copyright) has considered the Commission proposal on several occasions, and met on 13 September, 25 September, 24-25 October, 9 November, 12 December, 15-16 January, 30-31 January, 11-12 February, 28 February-1 March, 12-13 March and 27 March.
4. A Presidency compromise proposal was sent to delegations on 5 April 2013, involving partial or substantial redrafting of a majority of the articles of the text. This has been examined in the Working Party on 8 April, 22-23 April and 29 April. Further meetings of the Working Party to consider this compromise text take place on 13 May and 21 May.
5. It is the intention of the Presidency to orally brief the Competitiveness Council on 29 May on the latest developments regarding discussions on the draft Directive, notably in view of work envisaged during the remaining weeks of the Presidency-in-office.
6. The final meetings of the Working Party under the current Presidency are scheduled for 4 June and 12 June.
7. In parallel, the European Parliament is progressing its work on the draft Directive. It is understood that the Legal Affairs Committee envisages adopting its report on the proposal in early July.
8. **The Council is invited to take note of the present progress report, which will be complemented by an oral update by the Presidency to the Competitiveness Council on 29 May 2013.**
