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Dear Nigel

**DTI Consultation Document on the Electronic Commerce Directive: the liability of hyperlinkers, location tool services and content aggregators**

I write to inform you that we have been passed a copy of your consultation document and would like to make some comments.

In principle we are supportive of Viviane Reding's views (EU Commissioner for Information Society and Media) which she conveyed at the Film Online Leadership Summit at this year's Cannes International Film Festival. The Commissioner drew attention to the 'graduated response' to unauthorised file-sharing or downloading films which is being advocated across the member states. We are in favour of a European Charter to be developed and signed by all stakeholders to deter illegal file sharing and to help the rapid development of Online legal services.

As a non-departmental UK Government body, it would be inappropriate for the UK Film Council to make a submission to the above consultation. Our key role is to act as an interface between the Government, the industry and other stakeholders. Specifically with anti-film theft activities, we are adding value by actively co-ordinating the various sector interests. I know these industry constituents have your document and will respond accordingly.

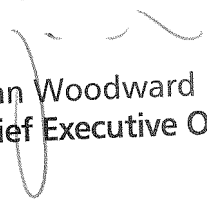
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If you have any questions, I can make available our Strategy Adviser for Film Theft, Billy Watson to provide answers.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive Officer