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## Ministry of Justice Sweden

State Secretary


Mr. John G. Malcolm
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Dear Mr. Malcolm,

Thank you for your letter dated March 17, 2006 concerning copyright piracy in Sweden.

Law enforcement of intellectual property rights is a high Swedish priority. As a high-technological country with a more and more knowledge-based economy we realize the value of the intellectual property area. The Ministry of Justice and the Swedish Government continuously work very actively to combat counterfeiting and piracy, both at a national and international level. As you know, we have already initiated several national measures specially aimed at the problem with Internet piracy in Sweden.

The most recent step is the Swedish Government decision on March 2, 2006, where the Office of the Prosecutor-General and the National Police Board received an instruction to take further measures in the area of intellectual property rights. In the instruction, the authorities are requested to take measures to achieve a more effective enforcement of incellecrual property rights, especially concerning infringements of such rights in connection with the use of Internet. The authorities must take appropriate actions and report to the Government already by June 15, 2006. This is a short cimeframe, giving a strong signal that the Government expects immediate results.

According to the Swedish constitution, it is not possible for the Government or the Ministry to intervene in a specific case. I can however assure you that I follow closely the actions taken by the police and the prosecutors in respect of copyright infringements on the


Internet and I will nor, if necessary, hesitate to initiate further measures to improve their effectiveness.


Dan Eliasson

