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**Issues Paper for the audiovisual conference in Liverpool
Right to information and right to short reporting**

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Dear Sirs,

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We refer to the above Issues Paper published by the European Commission in July 2005. Fédération Internationale de Basketball (FIBA), as the world governing body of basketball, represents its 212 National Associations members from around the World. FIBA organizes various international basketball tournaments and competitions, many of which are held within Europe, including the European Championships and the European League for club teams. In this context, we wish to express our serious concern in respect of recent developments on “news access” and “short reporting” in the context of the review of the “Television Without Frontiers” Directive by the European Commission.

We have been provided with UEFA’s written response to the Issues Paper dated 5 September 2005 and this letter is to express FIBA’s agreement with and support of the views expressed by UEFA and the substantive issues and comments raised by them.

We trust that without submitting a separate response to the above Issues Paper, our concurrence with the position expressed by UEFA in this matter will be duly noted and taken into consideration.

Yours faithfully



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