



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Bundestag for its Opinion adopted at its 167th sitting on 28 April 2016.*

*In its Opinion the Bundestag makes reference to the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 12 November 2015 in the case Hewlett Packard Belgium SPRL v. Reprobel SCRL (case C-572/13) and calls on the Commission to propose legislation as soon as possible, on the basis of which publishers across Europe can participate in creators' established statutory remuneration rights.*

*The Commission is currently assessing the implications of the judgment and whether intervention at EU level is needed in this matter. In this context, the Commission would also like to remind the Bundestag that it has recently closed a public consultation on the role of publishers in the copyright value chain. The contributions received will provide further input for the Commission's assessment.*

*The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Bundestag and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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