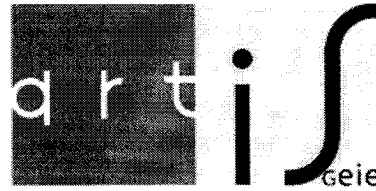


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**FIA – FIM – AEPO – ARTIS common statement  
Geneva, 23 September 2003**

The undersigned organisations, representing hundreds of thousands of performers at European and at international level in both the sound and audiovisual sector, given

1. That performers in the audiovisual sector need an international treaty granting them adequate intellectual property rights and ensuring a proper remuneration for the exploitation of their work in the new digital era;
2. That, since the 1961 Rome Convention, they have been denied any international protection as regards intellectual property rights in their fixed audiovisual performances;
3. That it is not acceptable that phonogram producers and broadcasters can benefit from extensive protection under the Rome Convention and the WPPT and continue to exploit fixed performances worldwide, while performers have only under the Rome Convention a “right” to oppose the fixation, the broadcasting and the communication to the public of their unfixed audiovisual performances;
4. That audiovisual producers must not be allowed to continue to boycott meaningful progress in the negotiation of a new international treaty for the protection of audiovisual performances;
5. That any new treaty providing a significant intellectual property protection of audiovisual performances is pointless if the economic rights of performers are deemed to be transferred to the producers and that such treaty should therefore remain silent on this particular matter;

Call on the WIPO Member States, gathered in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2003, to ensure that a Diplomatic Conference can be reconvened in a short term and that the new treaty on the protection of audiovisual performances – ensuring a comprehensive protection for performers - be adopted, by the most effective means.

**FIA:** International Federation of Actors

**FIM:** International Federation of Musicians

**AEPO:** Association of European Performers’ Organisations

**ARTIS:** European Performers’ Collecting Societies Organisation