



THE FAIR INTERNET COALITION CALLS TO SAFEGUARD ARTICLES 14-16

Brussels, 5 July 2018: The FAIR INTERNET coalition, representing over 500.000 musicians, singers, actors, dancers and other performing artists, calls on members of the European Parliament – when considering amendments ahead of the plenary vote in September on the draft directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market - **to safeguard the meaningful improvements to the benefit of performers obtained in Chapter III, articles 14-16.**

These are the only provisions in the Directive that are truly addressing the fundamental imbalance in the relationship between performers and producers, with a view to barring some of the most unacceptable contractual practices carried out in our industry, among which the relentless recourse to "buy-out" contracts, that prevent performers from being fairly remunerated for the exploitation of their work. **These measures are a step in the right direction, as they may contribute to promoting a fair and equitable remuneration of performers for all modes of exploitation including for on demand uses.**

The FAIR INTERNET coalition also welcomes the fact that articles 14-16, as adopted by the Legal Affairs committee, remove certain limitations in the Commission's original proposal that may have excluded a large number of performers from the benefit of these provisions. **These improvements should be shielded against possible attempts by the industry to soften up the language, rendering the Directive utterly meaningless for performers.**

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