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Re: Comments on the Joint Strategic Plan

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Dear Ms. Espinel:

Any plans for copyright and enforcement of intellectual property should measure the sum total of costs and benefits involved. When legal uses of copyrighted works are mistaken for infringement, the price paid by consumers and citizens is far too high to treat casually.

The Joint Strategic Plan needs to carefully examine the basis for claims of losses due to infringement, and carefully measure credible accounts of those losses against all of the consequences of proposed enforcement measures, good and bad.

Cutting off Internet access in response to alleged copyright infringement does far more harm than good. Internet connections are not luxuries; they provide vital communication links, including phone service. This is even more unfair in cases where users are falsely or mistakenly accused.

Internet service providers should never be required or asked to violate users' privacy in the name of copyright enforcement. Requiring or recommending that ISPs inspect users' communications are a violation of our civil liberties and should not be part of the Joint Strategic Plan in any form.

The anti-circumvention provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act criminalize users who are trying to make legal uses of the media they have legally purchased. Breaking digital locks on media should not be a crime unless they are being broken for illegal purposes. The government should not waste its resources targeting circumventions for legitimate purposes.

Any plans or agreements on IP enforcement, like the proposed Anti Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) should be made open and transparent. In dealing with questions of copyright and the Internet, far too much is at stake for our country's laws and policies to be made out of the public eye.

Sincerely,

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