

UNITED STATES – SECTION 110(5) OF US COPYRIGHT ACT

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 11 February 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the Government of Australia hereby notifies that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations under Article 64.1 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights requested by the European Communities and their member States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 4 February 1999 (WT/DS160/1, IP/D/16), entitled "United States – Section 110 (5) of US Copyright Act".

Australia has a substantial trade interest in the payment of royalties for the public performance in overseas markets of musical works subject to copyright owned by Australian right holders.
