



C. CWS 171

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Re: Consultation on Revised Proposal for Copyright Orphan Work Metadata

Madam,
Sir,

The WIPO Member States agreed on developing XML schemas for copyright orphan works at the sixth session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) held in 2018 (see paragraphs 65 to 68 of [document CWS/6/34](#)). At its sixth session, the CWS requested its XML4IP Task Force to develop and incorporate the necessary XML schema components on copyright orphan works in [WIPO Standard ST.96](#), which covers various domains of intellectual property.

The International Bureau of WIPO presented a revised working draft paper for copyright orphan work metadata in [document CWS/10/7](#) for consideration at the tenth session of CWS that took place in November 2022, which reflected the responses of Member States and Observers of WIPO provided to circular [C.CWS 156](#). In order to solicit input, the CWS decided to invite its Members and Observers, with explicit reference to Copyright Offices and Institutions as well as international Non-Governmental Organizations representing creative industry stakeholders, to review the revised working draft included in document CWS/10/7 and submit their comments (see paragraph 56 of [document CWS/10/22](#)).

The proposal focuses on a structured means of categorizing information on copyright holders' roles and categories of copyright orphan works. The main aim of this proposal is to improve the interoperability of WIPO Standard ST.96 with other data standards around the world, developed or used by creative industries, including collective management organizations in the area of copyright and related rights, as well as public institutions such as national and university libraries.

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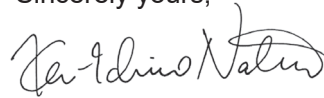
Your Office or Organization is invited to review and comment on the revised proposal that is presented in Appendixes I and II of the Annex to [document CWS/10/7](#), particularly in view of :

1. Comprehensiveness of the right holder roles and creative work categories;
2. Appropriateness of grouping and coding schemes of the right holder roles and work categories; and
3. Clarity of descriptions of entries of the right holder roles and work categories.

It would be appreciated if you provide your feedback by May 29, 2023 to us at: cws.mail@wipo.int. It would be greatly appreciated if the number of this circular (C. CWS 171) as well as the following information could be quoted as a reference in your response:

- Organization name;
- Country name; and
- Contact person name and email.

Sincerely yours,



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