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Conference Resolution

This conference brought together representatives of authors' organisations from 20 European Union Member States and Candidate Countries, including the two newest Member States – Bulgaria and Romania. The conference has been organised under the aegis of the European Writers Congress (EWC-FAEE AISBL). The conference, which last met in Madrid in March 2006, reviewed the progress of Member States over the last year in implementing the PLR provisions of the 1992 Directive on Rental, Lending Rights and Piracy.

The conference strongly supports the efforts being made by the European Commission to enforce correct implementation of the Directive in several established Member States; we also note the progress made towards correct implementation of the Directive's lending right provisions in the national laws of Ireland, Italy and Spain. But the conference urges the Commission to:

- (a) set a clear timetable for implementation of the Directive by all Member States to ensure that legislation leads to the establishment of working PLR systems; and
- (b) take active steps to ensure that Member States provide equitable PLR payments to authors. "Remuneration" cannot, we believe, be said to exist where the sums allowed for are in some countries so derisory.

The conference applauds the establishment of PLR systems in the newer Member States such as Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovenia, and the recent progress made in the Czech and Slovak Republics. However, the conference urges the Commission to adopt a more proactive approach in achieving correct implementation of the Directive among those States such as Greece, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria where little progress has been made. In particular, the conference urges the government of the host country Hungary to take positive



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steps immediately to implement the Directive and respect the rights of the creators of one of Europe's oldest and most respected literatures.

Organisations Represented at the Conference

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József Attila Circle, Literary Association of Young Writers (Hungary)
KOPINOR (Norway)
The Norwegian Non Fiction Writers & Translators Association

Estonian Authors' Remuneration Fund
AKKA/LAA (Latvia)
Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society (UK)
CEDRO (Spain)
DILIA (Czech Republic)
Hellenic Authors' Society (Greece)
Irish Copyright Licensing Agency
Institute of Literature (Bulgaria)
Irish Writers Union
LITA (Slovak Republic)
Lithuanian Writers' Union
LUXORR Luxembourg Organisation for Reproduction Rights
REPROBEL (Belgium)
SIAE (Italy)
SOFIA (France)
Szépirók Társasága (Hungary)
VG Wort (Germany)
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