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Dear Professor Bently, dear Professor Hargreaves and dear Doctor Danbury,

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 July 2016 regarding the proposed granting of an EU neighbouring right to publishers in the context of copyright law reform.

I can confirm that the questions you raise in your letter are being carefully analysed in the Commission's internal decision-making process, supported by the required impact assessment work. The Commission expects to adopt legislative proposals for the modernisation of the EU copyright rules later in September.

Your comments and your reference to the conference held on 23 April in this regard are really appreciated and useful. Since this conference focused on this important EU publisher right's issue, officials from the Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content & Technology (DG CONNECT) attended it.

Again, I would like to thank you and your respective universities for your contributions to this debate and I look forward to continuing this dialogue with you.

Yours sincerely,



Andrus Ansip