

**Republic of Macedonia**  
**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**  
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**Skopje**

**To THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**SKOPJE**

**E X C E R P T**

from the Draft Minutes of the 28th Session of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, held on 20 August 2002

“ITEM: 12 – Proposed Amendments to the Draft Law on Amending and Revising the Law on Copyright and Related Rights and Information with the Proposal to promulgate a conclusion on and to adopt the amendments of the Proposal for the Enactment of the Law on Amending and Revising the Law on Copyright and related Rights, with a Draft Law

The Government reviewed the Proposed Amendments to the Draft Law on Amending and Revising the Law on Copyright and Related Rights and the Information with the Proposal to promulgate a conclusion on and to adopt the amendments of the Proposal for the Enactment of the Law on Amending and Revising the Law on Copyright and related Rights, with a Draft Law, and reached the following conclusion:

1. The Government approved the Proposed Amendments to the Draft Law on Amending and Revising the Law on Copyright and Related Rights and decided to forward them to the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, with a suggestion that the Assembly reviews them and adopts them as an integral part of the Draft Law.
2. The Government adopted the Information with the Proposal to promulgate a conclusion on and to adopt the amendments to the Proposal for the Enactment of the Law on Amending and Revising the Law on Copyright and Related Rights, with a Draft Law.
3. The Government promulgated the following Conclusion:

“Taking into account the importance of and the Republic of Macedonia’s need to enter the membership of the World Trade Organization, and the achievements and obligations arising therefrom, emphasizing, at that, the significance of copyright and related rights, their enforcement and protection, and considering the fact that the Republic of Macedonia is a signatory and a member of the Berne Convention on the protection of

literary and other works of art, and of other international agreements on copyright and related rights ratified by the Republic of Macedonia, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia expresses and confirms its consent on its acceptance of the requirements contained in the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspect of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

Furthermore, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia expresses its willingness to ensure the implementation and enforcement of all such requirements.

At the same time, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia confirms its commitment to ensure full compliance if the provisions of its domestic legislation with both the letter and the spirit of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspect of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), respecting the comments made by the Members of the World Trade Organization, which it also shall incorporate accordingly in the final text of the Proposal for Enacting the Law on Amending the Law on Copyright and Related Rights.”

**Copies submitted to:**

**-Ministry of Economy**

**Secretary General**

**Gorgi Kotev**