

Joint Statement on Anti-Piracy

We, Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and the Congress of the Federative Republic of Brazil, are dedicated to fostering, promoting and expanding the artistry of authorship, performance and production of creative expressions and works.

We further express our appreciation of, and commitment to, strong and effective copyright protection, which promotes our people's creative genius and cultural diversity.

We condemn those who pirate the works of our respective peoples, recognizing that theft strikes at that core of our national identities and our national economic interests.

In pursuit of these shared objectives, we express our commitment to enact modern, effective and enforceable copyright laws applying to all forms of communications.

We further are determined to provide effective remedies against those who commit copyright piracy so as to discourage such behavior.

To this end, we will not only provide adequate legislation, but commit to providing resources adequate to ensure the full implementation of such laws. Moreover, we will urge those in our respective governments responsible for enforcing such laws to do so with vigor and steadfastness.

We are concerned with the situation in Brazil and the U.S. in which soaring piracy levels threaten the vibrant and world renowned cultural sectors in both countries, as well as erode key sectors of our economies. We join together in expressing a desire, and a will, to retain the creative sectors of our countries in their rightful place. We hope that today's joint statement represents an important step in achieving that goal.

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