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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Protection of copyright in the field of photomechanical reproduction

1. Since there is no international protection of copyright in the field of photomechanical reproduction, should not the Commission take the lead in endeavouring to achieve at least greater compatibility between the nine copyright acts?
2. In the case of future harmonization, without losing sight of the idea of a homogeneous and comprehensive solution to the copyright problem, should not thought also be given to monopolies and distortion of competition, so that citizens and institutions subsidized by public funds in one country do not enjoy unfair advantages over their counterparts in another?
3. Should not the Commission, as a logical consequence of setting up EURONET, act to protect and further those interests and incentives which are specifically generated by scientific and technical information - and without which neither photomechanical reproduction nor EURONET itself would be possible?