

ORAL QUESTION H-1023/07
for Question Time at the part-session in January 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Copyright levy reform

I asked the Commission for an explanation regarding its decision to delay copyright levy reform and its intention of returning to the matter (H-0147/07). In its written answer of 13 March 2007, the Commission replied that it would 'closely monitor future developments' and 'continue to evaluate how levies interact with digital services and the information technology sector in general'.

Eight months have passed and, to my disappointment, I have not seen any movement on the issue of copyright levy reform by the Commission. I am concerned that the Commission is not giving copyright levy reform the priority it deserves.

I would therefore like to know what the tangible results of the Commission's monitoring and evaluation efforts announced in its reply of March 2007 have been to date. What will the next concrete steps be and when can we expect the Commission to take specific action to address this very pressing issue of copyright levy reform?

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