



C. CWS 156

April 26, 2022

Re: Consultation on Proposal for Copyright Orphan Work Metadata Management

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Madam,  
Sir,

The WIPO Member States agreed on developing XML schemas for copyright orphan works at the sixth session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) held in 2018 (see paragraphs 65 to 68 of [document CWS/6/34](#)). At its sixth session, the CWS requested its XML4IP Task Force to develop and incorporate the necessary XML schema components on copyright orphan works in [WIPO Standard ST.96](#), which covers various domains of intellectual property.

The International Bureau of WIPO presented a working draft paper for copyright orphan work metadata for consideration at the ninth session of CWS that took place in November 2021 (see [document CWS/9/4](#)). The CWS invited its members to comment on the draft paper and to liaise with their Copyright Office for comments (see paragraph 24 of [document CWS/9/25](#)).

The draft paper focuses on a structured means of categorizing information on copyright holder roles and categories of copyright orphan works. The main aim of this paper is to improve the interoperability of WIPO ST.96 with other data standards around the world, developed or used by cultural industries, collective management organizations in the area of copyright and related rights, as well as the public institutions such as national and university libraries.

The proposal for consultation is available in the CWS public wiki at:  
<https://www3.wipo.int/confluence/x/C4DFRg>.

Your Office or Organization is invited to review and comment on the proposal, particularly in view of :

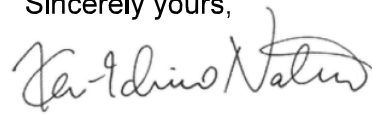
1. Comprehensiveness of the proposal on whether the right holder roles and creative works that you need are covered;

2. Grouping and coding schemes of right holder roles and work categories; and
3. Titles and their description of right holder roles and work categories.

It would be appreciated if you provide your feedback by June 7, 2022 to us at: [standards@wipo.int](mailto:standards@wipo.int). It would be greatly appreciated if the number of this circular (C. CWS 156) as well as the following information could be quoted as a reference in your response:

- Organization name;
- Country name; and
- Contact person name and email.

Sincerely yours,



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