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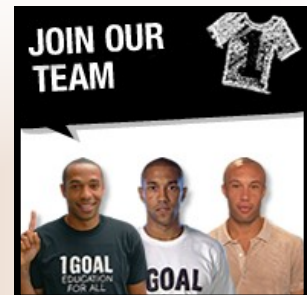
After the 20th SCCR, held last June in Geneva a Consumer of Knowledge Goods asked:

- Why developing countries did not take one position towards the Treaty for Visually Impaired and the Exceptions and Limitation for Education Libraries?
- Who would benefit from this Schism among developing countries?
- Where is the “Group of Friends of Development”?
- Who is defending the end user’s interests at the end of the day?

One Goal Education for All

Today, 72 million children in the world are denied the chance to go to school. These children could be our next generation’s leaders, sports stars, doctors and teachers. But they face a lifelong struggle against poverty.

It doesn’t have to be this way. Since 2000, 40 million more children are in school. Education beats poverty – and gives people the tools to help themselves.



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News Highlights

Anti-Counterfeiting Treaty (ACTA)

July 22nd, 2010
Could the EU Walk Away From ACTA?

July 13th, 2010
ACTA briefing by De Gucht in the European Parliament

July 19th, 2010
U.S. Caves on Anti-Circumvention Rules in ACTA

July 2nd, 2010
ACTA Negotiators Vow To Mesh With National-Level Rights; Withhold New Text

July 20th, 2010
EU data protection body slams ACTA on fundamental rights

June 30th, 2010
ACTA A Sign Of Weakness In Multilateral System, WIPO Head Says



By: La Quadrature du Net

July, 15th, 2010
Brazil's Discussion On Copyright Law Reform – Response To The Digital Era?

Visually Impaired Treaty

June, 29th, 2010
UGLY POLITICS AT WIPO

June, 26th, 2010
No Decision On WIPO Treaty For Blind Persons Misses 'Golden Opportunity'

June, 18th, 2010
Why Is the Obama Administration Not Standing Up for People with Disabilities?

Hot issues in A2K

Ruling may relax digital rights rules

July 26th, 2010

Another major ruling in the world of technology and individual rights was handed down on Friday, this one covering digital rights management.

DRM has been part of the technology landscape since software companies began using license keys to lock their programs and make it harder for pirates to copy or share them.

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July 26th, 2010

How Library of Congress Digital Copyright Exemptions affect e-Books

July 26th, 2010

The new, improved DMCA

May 7th, 2010

Google attorney slams ACTA copyright



Apple loses big in DRM ruling: jail-breaks are "fair use"

July 27th, 2010

Every three years, the Library of Congress has the thankless task of listening to people complain about the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. The DMCA forbade most attempts to bypass the digital locks on things like DVDs, music, and computer software, but it also gave the Library the ability to wave its magical copyright wand and make certain DRM cracks legal for three years at a time.

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Suggested Readings

Free Technology Academy

- Open Networks
By: Enric Peig Olive
- Legal Aspects of the Information Society
By: M. BAIN, M. Gallego, M. Martinez Rivas and J. RIUS

Suggested Readings

Report on Open Repository Development in Developing and Transition Countries

By: Iryna Kuchma



The Latest BA A2K Project Publications

Translated Material

Rethinking innovation, development and intellectual property in the UN:

WIPO and beyond

International institutions can play a critical role in promoting the applications of science, technology, and innovation to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), other development goals and the aspirations of humanity as embodied in the United Nations (UN) Charter. These organizations, especially the UN entities, have an extensive influence on the global development agenda.

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