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?

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Hot issues in A2K

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July 26th, 2010

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  By: Enric Peig Olive
- Legal Aspects of the Information Society
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Report on Open Repository Development in Developing and Transition Countries
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