



**The Canadian Intellectual Property Council  
Conseil canadien de la propriété intellectuelle**

## **Canadian Intellectual Property Council welcomes focus on intellectual property rights in the Throne Speech**

**Ottawa, March 3, 2010-** The Canadian Intellectual Property Council (CIPC) welcomes the commitment in today's Throne Speech to better protect intellectual property rights and update copyright legislation. An updated copyright bill would bring Canada in line with other leading nations who have adopted the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, together known as the WIPO Internet Treaties.

The CIPC is a Canadian business coalition, under the banner of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, that has come together to provide a strong voice advocating for an improved intellectual property rights system in Canada. As Canada continues to rely more on the knowledge-based sector, we need to make sure we can compete globally with other nations on a level playing field for businesses that rely heavily on IP for their success.

"Today's announcement on improving copyright law is a good step, stated Bob Weese, Chair of the CIPC. We look forward to getting a copyright bill introduced soon. In addition to addressing copyright, the CIPC also needs the government to act to stop counterfeit goods from flowing into Canada" added Weese.

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