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A Canadian Approach to Digital Copyright

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This statement highlights CARL's position on four key copyright reform issues.

Bringing Canada's copyright law into the digital age requires a fair, balanced and reasonable approach to copyright reform. An effective copyright regime is essential to effectively position Canada in the world economy. CARL's member libraries provide researchers with the information and knowledge they need to enable them to contribute to Canada both economically and socially. To compete nationally and internationally, researchers in Canada require a fair and balanced copyright regime that recognizes the importance of users' rights. Users' rights must not be limited or narrowed in the digital environment.

Fair dealing

Fair dealing is critical to a balanced and fair copyright regime. Copyright law reform must not limit or narrow fair dealing.

Damages and fair dealing

A change in the law should ensure that a user of a copyrighted work is not subject to damages, where he or she had reasonable grounds to believe that an activity is fair dealing.

Technological protection measures

Circumventing technical measures that prevent access or copying should be permitted if the purpose of the circumvention is not an infringement of copyright.

Educational use of the internet

The *Copyright Act* should be amended to provide that students, teachers and educational institutions do not infringe copyright when they use publicly available material on the Internet for educational purposes.

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