Resolution adopted by the IFRRO AGM 25 October 2012

The International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations (IFRRO), with 138 members in 75 countries, on the occasion of its Annual General Meeting on 25 October in Buenos Aires (Argentina), and with the support of its European Group, expresses its great concern for the situation in Spain due to the following:

- The EU and international norms that protect the intellectual property of the rightholders of the publishing sector are not being observed, including those of authors, translators, journalists and publishers.
- The authors and publishers of written works have lost practically 100% of their incomes from the secondary, including reuse of their works through photocopying, digital copying, availability on intranets, etc., that CEDRO has been mandated by rightholders to administer.

The current situation is due to:

- The drastic reduction of the fair compensation for private copying that has been established by the Spanish Government taking effect on 1 January 2012.
- The refusal of the responsible authorities in the educational sector of all levels, including universities, to obtain the necessary licences from CEDRO for certain subsidiary, including reuse of book and other publications content.
- The impossibility to manage and collect the remuneration for public lending due to inappropriate legislation.

This situation means that:

- Spanish authors and publishers are not being remunerated for certain important uses of their works.
- Spanish authors and publishers are being discriminated against when compared to other European countries.
- Spain is not paying to authors and publishers in other countries the amounts corresponding to certain subsidiary uses of their works.
- The creative and publishing activities are being discouraged.

For these reasons, the IFRRO Annual General Meeting 2012, which met in Buenos Aires on 25 October 2012, requests the Spanish Government to:

1. ensure that authors and publishers receive fair compensation for the private copying of their works, in conformity with the Directive 2001/29/CEE.
2. ensure that educational institutions at all levels acquire the necessary licenses to allow them to reproduce legally from text and image based works for the use by teachers and students.
3. regulate the remuneration for public lending in conformity with EU legislation.

IFRRO expresses its support to CEDRO and to the rightholders that they represent and will send this resolution to the Spanish government and, for information purposes, to the competent authorities of the European Union.