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The hearing convened at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 1 and 2 of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, located at 1724 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Stanford McCoy, presiding.

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Page 5 1 PROCEEDINGS 2 (10:02 a.m.) MR. McCOY: Well, thanks, 3 everyone, for coming. I want to welcome you 4 5 today to the 2011 Special 301 Review Public Hearing. And, thanks, everyone, for coming. 6 7 If there is anyone who doesn't 8 have a seat, we are looking for some more 9 chairs. 10 Let me just -- let me just mention a few -- a few remarks to get us started here. 11 12 This is the Second Annual Public Hearing on the Special 301 Process, and we appreciate all 13 14 of your participation in that process. We now have all of the interested 15 16 party and foreign government comments submitted for this year's review, and we are 17 also considering information that we will 18 19 receive at this hearing, and we will consider 20 any information we receive from all of you as 21 posthearing submissions. 22 Let me just say, for those of you

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1	who may be less familiar with this process, a
2	couple of words about who the people are at
3	this table and what we have to do.
4	This body is the Special 301
5	Subcommittee. It is a subcommittee of the
6	Trade Policy Staff Committee, which is the
7	primary interagency trade policy staff
8	formulation body inside the U.S.
9	Administration.
10	The Trade Policy Staff Committee
11	delegates to the subcommittee the process of
12	developing recommendations for the Annual
13	Special 301 Review. Those recommendations are
14	fleshed out in the subcommittee and then they
15	are reported up to the full Trade Policy Staff
16	Committee for review and approval.
17	What we are here to do today is
18	carry out the statutory mandate provided by
19	Congress more than 20 years ago in the Omnibus
20	Trade Act of 1988.
21	If you would like a description of
22	that statutory mandate and the process by

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1	which it is carried out, you can find that on
2	page 47 of the 2010 Special 301 Report.
3	I want to say a word about one
4	change or, two changes, in fact, in this
5	year's Special 301 Report, compared to the
6	2010 Report.
7	First, in the 2010 report you
8	there was, on pages 43 through 45 of the
9	report, a section on notorious markets.
10	As some of you may have noticed,
11	we are now publishing that section separately
12	through the through the procedure of an
13	out-of-cycle review under the Special 301
14	Process.
15	That new approach was announced in
16	the Intellectual Property Enforcement
17	Coordinator's Joint Strategic Plan for IP
18	Enforcement administration wide.
19	That Notorious Markets Review is
20	now out. It is we don't plan to repeat
21	that review for purposes of the annual
22	process. So, to the extent that you were

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1	planning to comment on a Notorious Markets
2	list to be included in the annual report, I
3	want to make you aware that it is not our plan
4	to do that.
5	It is our plan to continue doing
6	the Notorious Markets List out of cycle. So,
7	that will be a new opportunity for comment
8	before any new Notorious Markets List is
9	issued in an out-of-cycle review.
10	The second change I wanted to
11	mention as compared to the Special 301 Review
12	last year is that also pursuant to the
13	Joint Strategic Plan, issued by the
14	Intellectual Property Enforcement
15	Coordinator's Office, USTR will use the 2011
16	Special 301 Report to highlight best practices
17	by our trading partners in the area of IP
18	protection and enforcements.
19	So, to the extent that to the
20	extent that any of you would like to mention,
21	either in your remarks today or in posthearing
22	submissions, particular practices that you

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1	consider to be best practices and that you
2	would like the subcommittee to consider in
3	that regard, we would be very happy to have
4	that information.
5	If I can now just say a word about
б	how we will proceed today, the the hearing
7	is going to proceed with ten-minute increments
8	for each witness.
9	Last year we interrupted people
10	after five minutes and asked them some
11	questions. We had some feedback that some
12	people found that a rather stilted process.
13	I think what we will do this time is, as you
14	come to the table, I will mention to you what
15	some of the questions were that members of the
16	subcommittee had as they looked at your
17	comments.
18	You can choose to address those
19	questions during your ten minutes. You can
20	choose to address them in posthearing
21	submissions. You can choose not to address
22	them at all, but we will leave you the

Page 10 1 flexibility to use your ten-minute window to 2 talk with us how you want. If there is a question that arises 3 from the members of the Subcommittee while you 4 5 are talking, I'll just -- I'll just raise my hand and indicate to you that I'd like to 6 7 I'd like ask you a question. 8 But, other than that, if you'll 9 just do us the courtesy of doing your best to address our questions, either directly or in 10 your posthearing submissions. 11 12 We will be open for posthearing submissions in accordance with the procedures 13 14 that have been made available, and I don't know if you want to say a word about that, 15 Paula, do we have that covered in our --16 17 So, in the schedule you have Yes. 18 a word about posthearing comments. Let me 19 just say there has been one -- that there has 20 been one change to the schedule that was 21 posted on the internet. 22 The 11:50 slot for Social Science

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1	Research Council and the 1:20 slot for Public
2	Knowledge, have been reversed. So, Public
3	Knowledge will be going at 11:50 and Social
4	Science Research Council at 1:30.
5	So, with that, let me just say one
6	quick word about about the sorts of general
7	questions we have. One general question that
8	we have for everyone is on best practices.
9	I have mentioned that already. If
10	you would like to highlight any positive
11	practices you think the Subcommittee should
12	mention, please do that.
13	And then another another
14	general question we have for everyone is is
15	basically a reminder to you that we are here
16	to fulfill a mandate from Congress to identify
17	countries that deny adequate and effective
18	intellectual property protection, or deny fair
19	and equitable market access to U.S. person who
20	rely on that protection.
21	So, we are really very interested
22	in country-specific issues that you feel we

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1	should consider or additional sources of
2	information about specific countries that we
3	should review.
4	Now, our first several witnesses
5	are going to solve this problem for us because
6	they are representatives of governments and
7	they are going to speak to the situation in
8	their particular countries, and we are
9	grateful for that.
10	A number of other witnesses later
11	in the day have submitted sort of hearing
12	statements that don't speak in any detail to
13	specific countries. And I will just ask
14	everyone to help this Subcommittee as much as
15	you can with their work by speaking to the
16	mandate from Congress that we have to carry
17	out to make country-by-country assessments.
18	So that is it for my introduction.
19	They will get an extra chair pulled up at the
20	table here and we will begin the day today by
21	welcoming our government witnesses.
22	We are grateful, again, for the

Page 13 1 participation of several of our valued trading 2 partners in this process. We will have -- the government witnesses will be from the 3 4 government of the Czech Republic, the 5 government of Thailand, the government of 6 Italy and the government of Mexico. 7 So, let me just begin the day by 8 inviting the representatives of the government of the Czech Republic to come forward. 9 That is Mr. Kostoval and Mr. Dvoracek. 10 PARTICIPANT: I think they are in 11 12 security. 13 MR. McCOY: Are they? All right. 14 Well, we will just -- we will just invite them 15 to go next. 16 Are the representatives of the 17 government of Thailand ready to go? 18 So the government of Yes. 19 Thailand, Dr. Kajit Sukhum and Jittima 20 Srithaporn, please, by all means, come forward 21 and you can start us off today. 22 Let me say, as you are taking your

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22 implemented and the types of cooperation that	22	implemented and the types of cooperation that

Page 15 1 are developing. 2 We noted that at least one 3 submitter reported a rise in counterfeit pharmaceuticals in Thailand. So, we are 4 5 interested in that issue. 6 And then, we have a continuing 7 interest as we have discussed in the context 8 of the out-of-cycle review and the progress of 9 pending legislation that we know is described to some extent in the submission you made. 10 So, to the extent that you can 11 12 speak to those issues, we are grateful for that. Please. 13 14 And, may I just say before you begin, that we will -- that Paula is keeping 15 the time and we will indicate when the ten 16 17 minutes is expired. 18 MR. SUKHUM: Thank you very much. 19 Good morning, all the panelists. I noted that 20 you have a very wholesome representative of 21 the U.S. Government at the table. 22 My name is Kajit Sukhum, and an

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1	assistant director general of the Department
2	of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce
3	of Thailand.
4	I would probably choose to address
5	those questions some of them will be during
6	my statement. The others we will submit
7	posthearing replies. Okay.
8	Now, Mr. Chair, can I ask you the
9	second queries that you mentioned. One was on
10	the resource plan on tech crime.
11	MR. McCOY: Yes.
12	MR. SUKHUM: The other is the
13	corporation with the pharmaceutical
14	representatives.
15	The second one that you mentioned,
16	what was it? I'm sorry. I was
17	MR. McCOY: I think the three
18	things I had asked about were on the
19	technology crime suppression on online
20	enforcement, and then second, the
21	public/private cooperation MOU's and so on for
22	including pharmaceutical counterfeiting

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1	MR. SUKHUM: Right.
2	MR. McCOY: and then, third,
3	the pending legislation.
4	MR. SUKHUM: Okay. Well, thank
5	you very much. All the three points will be
6	quite apparent after my deliveries of the
7	statement.
8	Well, I wish to thank the Special
9	301 Committee for the opportunity to appear
10	before it to present the comment of the Royal
11	Thai Government.
12	Today, I address before you that
13	compared to 2007, when Thailand was placed on
14	the Priority Watch List, Thailand has
15	demonstrated a commitment to strengthening its
16	intellectual property rights regime.
17	It has taken substantial and
18	comprehensive steps over its IPR protection
19	enforcement in respond to the concern of the
20	U.S. Government and private sector, and has
21	made significant progress in many dimensions,
22	given that Thailand should be removed from the

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1	Special 301 Priority Watch List for the
2	following reasons:
3	First, there has been an
4	unyielding political will to elevate
5	intellectual property protection as a national
6	agenda. The National Committee on IP policy
7	has been established and is chaired by the
8	prime minister, in which two subcommittees
9	were set up.
10	The Subcommittees on Prevention
11	and Suppression of IPR violation chaired by
12	the Deputy Minister of Commerce, Mr. Alongkorn
13	Ponlaboot, and the Subcommittee on IP Policy
14	on Medicine and Pharmaceutical Products,
15	chaired by the Minister of Public Health.
16	Above and beyond that, in order to
17	educate the public of the value of IPR and its
18	use for protection, the Thai Government has
19	marshaled the creative economy policy to make
20	Thailand a hub of knowledge-based society by
21	the year 2012, aiming to have one-fifth of our
22	GDP in creative sectors.

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1	Second, concrete results have been
2	achieved through strengthened law enforcement
3	and suppression efforts with increased focus
4	on the suppression of IPR violation at all
5	levels, particular focus on major
6	infringement, factories, wholesalers and red-
7	zone areas.
8	In 2010, a total of 5,610 arrest
9	case occurred, of which 89 were major cases
10	with more than 3.1 million pieces of infringed
11	goods seized.
12	Large scale infringer was a
13	successful target successfully targeted in
14	rates. The average confiscated items per case
15	have grown higher over the last five years.
16	Ladies and gentlemen, that is
17	equivalent to more than 15 raids per day.
18	Also, in 2010, other positive
19	development include the rates of search
20	warrants and arrest warrants issued by the IP
21	court, which registered 81 percent of the
22	total 578 requests made.

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1	Court sentencings reflected heavy
2	penalties. The total amount of fines in 2010
3	amounted to 257 million baht, double that of
4	the total amount charged in 2009.
5	Imprisonment in 2010 totaled 119 cases,
6	compared to 82 cases in 2009.
7	This is the result of coordinating
8	efforts by the Department of Intellectual
9	Property, the Central IP and IT Court to
10	change the status of the IP Court from being
11	the first instance court to a specialized
12	court in 2008, with longer tenure of senior
13	judges who understand the severity of the
14	matter.
15	In 2010, confiscated IPR infringed
16	goods in the amount 878,757 pieces, worth more
17	than 2.357 million baht were destroyed on
18	three separate occasions.
19	During those occasions both the
20	private representative of the U.S. interests,
21	as well as the European interests, as well as
22	the members of the American and European

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1	Embassies were also invited to participate
2	openly.
3	To facilitate all the enforcement
4	agencies in tracking the status of
5	infringement cases and retrieve relevant
б	information on court decisions and repeated
7	offenses, a project with more than 300,000
8	U.S. Dollars price tag has been undertaken at
9	the DIP to compile a comprehensive database
10	among enforcement agencies. It is expected to
11	be in operation by the end of 2011 fiscal
12	year.
13	Third, the Thai government has
14	maintained active and close dialogue with
15	private sector representatives, including
16	those of the pharmaceutical sector on several
17	issues to identify constructive ways and means
18	to ensure continued good working relationship.
19	The most recent meeting was
20	conducted at the Department of Intellectual
21	Property on February 16th, last. Also, at the
22	meeting were representatives from the Thai

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1	Food and Drug Administration and the U.S.
2	pharmaceutical industry sorry, and the
3	Excise Department.
4	In addition, the U.S.
5	pharmaceutical industry in Thailand has seats
б	in subcommittee on IP Policy and Medicine and
7	Pharmaceutical Products under the National
8	Committee on IP Policy. They are also
9	actively involved with the Thai Government in
10	the Patent Law Amendment Working Group.
11	A Memorandum of Understanding on
12	the Cooperation on Prevention and Suppression
13	of Trademark Infringing Pharmaceuticals has
14	been signed and activated.
15	This culminated to the suppression
16	of a large quantity of trademark infringed
17	drugs. Pharmaceutical industry also sent
18	representatives to speak and provide trainings
19	at IPR enforcement agencies to identify
20	infringed pharmaceutical and medical products.
21	Fourth, the major legislative
22	reforms are now in progress. This includes

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1	introducing the Anti-Camcording Bill, amending
2	the Copyright Law and Trademark Law to include
3	landlord liability, modernizing the Copyright
4	Law to provide better protection in the
5	digital environment, based on international
6	standards under the World Intellectual
7	Property Organization Treaties, amendment of
8	the Customs Law to enable ex officio action to
9	seize infringement goods in transit and
10	transshipment, amending the Patent Law to
11	streamline the patent examination procedures
12	and to be in compliance with the Doha
13	Declaration, and amending the Optical Disc Law
14	to avoid administrative burden to the rights
15	owners and the CD manufacturers.
16	MR. McCOY: I could say you have
17	about a minute left.
18	MR. SUKHUM: Okay. Fifth,
19	proactive steps have been taken to strengthen
20	IPR protection. This includes reducing patent
21	examination delays, conducting public
22	awareness campaigns and providing IP education

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1	for students at all levels for primary school,
2	to university, as mandated by the National IP
3	Policy Committee.
4	Finally, it is noted that the
5	coordination with the IP agents on
6	enforcement, that there has been serious
7	miscommunication between the representatives
8	of the U.S. rightsowners in Thailand and those
9	in the U.S., where praise and commendation has
10	been evidenced in Thailand, the information
11	received in the U.S. differs.
12	During 2010 raids, we have only
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1	MR. SUKHUM: It is noted that USTI
2	and the USPTO will be holding a seminar in
3	Bangkok on the 22nd to 25th of March on how to
4	understand the internet crime and also the
5	online infringement.
6	This will be hosted by the
7	Department of Intellectual Property. And also
8	we have been working very closely with people
9	from the ICT Ministry, which is the ministry
10	responsible for the operation of the internet
11	and also the online services.
12	So, secondly, for the cooperation
13	of pharmaceutical industry. During the
14	February 16th meeting there have been
15	discussion between the representatives of the
16	pharmaceutical industries and those of Thai
17	FDA, okay, and also the police, the Royal Thai
18	Police.
19	It seems that while the Royal Thai
20	Police, their personal and also policy level,
21	willing to go ahead with the suppression of
22	the fake drugs, there are two issues.

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1	The first issue is that there
2	certainly appears to be lack of information on
3	a specific infringement coming from the
4	representatives of the pharmaceutical
5	industry.
6	That means that the police would
7	not be able to undertake any arrest by any
8	prosecution unless evidence is being given to
9	them.
10	On the personal level, I have
11	discussed with the Deputy Chief of the police
12	responsible for this section. He said that he
13	has staff and also budget ready to undertake
14	this but awaiting complaint from the
15	representative in Thailand.
16	MR. McCOY: Thanks very much for
17	that. We are well over time, so could I
18	suggest that we follow up through a
19	combination of any paper you want to submit
20	for the record and, of course, our continuing
21	openness for bilateral discussions with you at
22	any time whatsoever.

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1	you've highlighted some of those in your
2	submission, which you appreciate.
3	We are interested in the
4	information you provided on internet piracy,
5	particularly in if you can let us know more
6	about follow-up enforcement actions, that is
7	of interest to us.
8	Also quite interested in the
9	future of the National Coordination Group for
10	Digital Media and what sorts of authority it
11	will have. So, that would be of interest.
12	You've provided some updates in
13	your submission about the efforts with the
14	open-air markets along the Czech border, and
15	that is an area of continuing interest.
16	And then, we are also interested
17	in the follow-up to some of the information
18	you provided on arrests for copyright
19	infringement and and the terms of the
20	terms of sentences that might be imposed in
21	the area of copyright infringement.
22	So, to the extent you can

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1	elaborate in any of those areas, we'd welcome
2	that. But, the floor is yours. Thank you.
3	Thank you very much, gentlemen, for joining us
4	today. We are delighted to have you.
5	MR. KOSTOVAL: Thanks for the
6	floor, Mr. Chairman.
7	At the beginning I would like to
8	say that we are fighting IPR infringement in
9	our country because of our interest, not
10	because of the United States but, of course,
11	we are more than happy that the United States
12	are appreciating our effort and see that our
13	effort is also materializing.
14	Of course, things are to be done
15	in the future as well, and we hope also, in
16	cooperation with the United States.
17	So, in this statement at the
18	beginning, I would like to draw your attention
19	to four points, that our effort is in four
20	areas, controlling activities, legislation,
21	prevention and education and IPR infringement
22	on the internet.

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1	Controlling activities of the
2	Czech government institutions in recent years
3	have particularly contributed to a significant
4	increment of IPR protection and an enforcement
5	in the Czech Republic.
6	Czech institutions includes Czech
7	Customs Administration, Czech trade
8	inspection, the police of the Czech Republic
9	and regional departments of the Business
10	Licensing Office.
11	Numerous controls have been
12	focused on internal market in goods imported
13	and exported goods and on criminal proceedings
14	as well.
15	The aim of the controls was to
16	minimize the number of counterfeit and pirated
17	goods and to identify vendors. Shortly as
18	for the statistics, the total quantity of
19	products detained jumped annually by one
20	million pieces in 2010.
21	This confirms the trend of
22	decreasing availability of goods infringing

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1	IPR at the Czech open markets and shows that
2	the retail sales should not be further
3	considered as a main distribution channel of
4	counterfeit and pirated goods.
5	The example of best practices in
6	this regard is collaboration of Czech Customs
7	Administration, Municipalities and the
8	Ministry of Environment on the removal of
9	(IATA) which were used as storage of illegal
10	goods.
11	Controlling activities of Czech
12	institutions concerns also identification of
13	vendors and revoking the business licenses if
14	IPR violators in 2010.
15	Identification of vendors is one
16	of the tools, from our point of view, used to
17	control those who repeatedly infringe IPR and
18	enables their prosecution.
19	When it comes to legislation,
20	concerning the legislative acts, the most
21	important change was the new penal code
22	raising the penalties for IPR-related crimes

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1	came into effect January 1st, 2010.
2	Further work on other legislation
3	has been done and some acts are to be
4	implemented. New penal code number 40/2009
5	increases the maximum penalties for IPR-
6	related crimes from two years to eight years'
7	imprisonment and criminalize the manufacturing
8	and storage of counterfeit items.
9	In general, there has been a
10	significant increase in the number of persons
11	convicted for IPR-related crimes in 2009 and
12	2010. The details are in the report we have
13	submitted.
14	Third point, prevention and
15	education activities. Prevention and public
16	awareness play an important role from our
17	point of view in combating illegal practices
18	related to IPR in the Czech Republic.
19	In 2010, a series of special
20	training seminars, conferences at the national
21	and international level and public awareness
22	projects were held.

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1	As for the actions at national
2	level, we have organized special training
3	courses for controlling stuff, we are
4	educating entrepreneurs, especially from the
5	community of Vietnamese people who are
6	especially involved in those activities,
7	selling in those markets, pirate stuff.
8	So, we were we organized two
9	trainings for those people and Ministry of
10	Culture organized a similar seminar on
11	copyright legislation and its implications in
12	practice for entrepreneurs.
13	With regard to public awareness,
14	in 2010, there was ongoing work on the
15	project, "I Respect the Original," which
16	continued under the supervision of
17	Intellectual Property Office of the Czech
18	Republic.
19	Main stakeholders of the project
20	signed a partnership agreement because many,
21	many many stakeholders involved, including
22	European Commission, which has international

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1	dimension to it.
2	So that is why we wanted to have
3	also a signed piece of paper. There is also
4	a newly-established web page, "Respect the
5	Original," and training courses connected to
6	this web page.
7	When it comes to international
8	cooperation, the Industrial Property Office
9	organized several events on international
10	level, together with Ministry of Foreign
11	Affairs of the Czech Republic.
12	We organized a conference on IPR
13	enforcement and EU-Asian cooperation because
14	of exactly it is coming from Asia in May
15	last year, and further, two Chinese
16	delegations visited the Czech Republic and we
17	were discussing protection and enforcement of
18	IPR, and also a special training and also
19	a special training for offices from Montenegro
20	and Kosovo were organized by Czech
21	Intellectual Property Office.
22	Fourth point, infringement IPR

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1	infringement on the internet, Czech
2	authorities registered that this pirate
3	business is moving to the internet.
4	In 2010 we detected that from 80
5	to 90 percent of all activities were going
6	through the internet, so we are very much
7	focusing on this, improving the legislation,
8	improving the law enforcement activities and
9	also, in accordance with the new state policy
10	on electronic media, the judicial Czech
11	Republic it was approved by the Czech
12	government in January 2011, a new controlling
13	body, a national coordinating group for
14	digital media will be established.
15	One of its tasks will be
16	monitoring and supervising the situation of
17	IPR on the internet.
18	This new institution will
19	concentrate its activities on copyright
20	enforcement and other issues concerning IPR on
21	the internet, including the improvement of the
22	relevant legislation.

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1	Here I would like to add that we
2	also started detailed discussions with motion
3	picture associations and respective studios
4	based in Los Angeles because there is clear
5	link between increased piracy when it comes to
6	movies on the accessible on the internet,
7	which are even not in the distribution, and
8	the impact on Czech business because the
9	studios, then, are not prone to subcontract
10	Czech movie industry and shoot movies in the
11	Czech Republic, despite the fact that we have
12	introduced some incentives, or introduced.
13	And in talks to cooperate on
14	fighting this on the internet, because it is
15	clearly there is clear need to really have
16	international cooperation, and we will have
17	Minister of Interior come into the United
18	States and he will also be focusing on this
19	area.
20	It is very complicated issue
21	because credit card companies based in U.S.
22	are actually involved, so that is talking to

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1	them. The source of the whole problem is here
2	in the United States because, for example,
3	members of the Academy of of Movie Academy
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5	MR. McCOY: You have about a
б	minute left.
7	MR. KOSTOVAL: Yes are
8	actually sometimes actually providing those
9	movies to those who are copying and then
10	selling pirate copies.
11	So, we are really interested in
12	cooperation in this field especially. So,
13	thank you.
14	MR. McCOY: Well, thank you very
15	much for your efforts and for the detailed
16	submission that you've provided. We
17	appreciate that. And if you should wish to
18	elaborate any further on anything that has
19	come up today or any areas where you feel you
20	would like to provide more clarification, we
21	will be open for posthearing submissions until
22	five p.m. on March 9th.

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1	So, we would certainly welcome
2	that and, of course, we are open to to meet
3	with you on a government-to-government basis
4	anytime you would like to do so.
5	MR. KOSTOVAL: Thank you.
6	MR. McCOY: Thank you very much
7	for coming today.
8	Mr. Mazza, Fabrizio, from the
9	government of Italy. Welcome. Thank you so
10	much for coming today, and making the trip.
11	We are, of course, delighted to have you, a
12	valued colleague in many international
13	discussions.
14	Let me just mention some of the
15	some of the thoughts and questions we had as
16	we looked through the valuable information
17	that you provided.
18	One was on the issue of internet
19	piracy, interested in any concrete steps Italy
20	is taking in that regard. Also interested in
21	your comments mentioned barriers toward
22	access to legal content, and we are interested

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1	in your views on what are some of those
2	barriers to access to legal content on the
3	internet and what could be done to better
4	address them.
5	And then, we were also interested
6	by the fact that on page nine of your
7	submission, it mentioned that there were more
8	that 2,500 people reported to the authorities
9	for audiovisual internet and book piracy and
10	136 arrests.
11	So, if you could help us to
12	understand what accounts for the disparity
13	there, that would be educational for us.
14	The floor is yours. You can speak
15	to those questions as you feel appropriate.
16	You can give your prepared remarks. You have
17	ten minutes and the opportunity of a
18	posthearing submission, should you fell that
19	is necessary.
20	MR. MAZZA: Well, good morning. I
21	think some of the questions are already
22	answered before and I will make a general

Page 42 statement now. For others we will have to 1 2 make a posthearing submission. Well, I'm First Councilor Fabrizio 3 Mazza and since 2006 I have been the head of 4 5 the Intellectual Property Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 6 7 Here there is Councilor Vitiorio 8 Ragonesi who is a judge and who is being for 9 ten years a legal advisor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Intellectual Property, 10 Public Problems. 11 12 Now, as you know, this is the first time in many years that Italy 13 14 participates to the U.S.T.R. 301 hearing, and there is a reason for it. 15 16 First, what we want to find out is 17 that the Italian government is highly 18 concerned for the growing of counterfeiting 19 and piracy in the world. 20 The illegal trade of counterfeit 21 and pirate products in Italy and abroad is a 22 major problem causing significant harm to the

Page 43 Italian economy. 1 2 I'm not going to bore you with a list of foreign products counterfeited and 3 4 pirated in Italy. Mainly the consumer goods 5 and of the audiovisual sector, and of Italian products counterfeited and pirated in 6 7 international market. 8 But we are fully-aware of the 9 negative impact on the economic develop and 10 unemployment in our country and of the high level of cost faced by the Italian economy. 11 12 As a consequence of counterfeit 13 and piracy, we observe higher cost for law 14 enforcement activities, increasing control activity at the borders, increasing danger for 15 safety and security of consumers and et 16 17 cetera. 18 So, as to say, we are trying, we 19 are taking care in some way of our business, 20 and there have been substantial and 21 comprehensive steps and progress over the last 22 four years.

Page 44 Effective, for one concern this 1 2 progress during the last four years, those are at many different level. First, the law 3 number 99 of July 23, 2009 as introduced for 4 5 criminal association in counterfeiting, the same exceptional sanctions in force for 6 7 criminal association with the Mafia or terrorists fanatics, like confiscation of 8 9 money, goods and other assets whose origin cannot be justified. 10 So, we have now in the criminal 11 12 court, in Italian criminal court, exceptional sanction which are reserved only for Mafia, 13 14 terrorist or counterfeiting association. There is the first very important 15 development, and this law has been enforced 16 for the first time basically in 2010. 17 18 Second important development. The 19 section of the Ministry for Economic 20 Development, competent for the fight against 21 counterfeiting is being complete reorganized 22 and substantially enlarged.

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1	The Ministry for Economic
2	Development is now the center of the National
3	Anticounterfeiting Council, which is
4	responsible for coordination of all strategic
5	action undertaken by each agency against
6	counterfeiting.
7	In their report that we have
8	produced, you can see that the notorious and
9	substantial level of enforcement against
10	infringement of IPR of finance and specialty
11	custom agency has been confirmed by the data
12	concerning intervention during 2010 even if
13	there is a transitional decrees and seizure
14	concerning piracy.
15	Another dramatic, I would say,
16	development, is that on July 15, 2010, a
17	parliamentary inquiry committee on
18	counterfeiting and piracy has been formed and
19	this committee has recently started ongoing
20	formal hearings with all the relevant
21	institutions and private sector organization.
22	The hearings started like one

Page 46 1 month ago and they are going on very, 2 intensely. Now, there is a certain separation 3 on the competencies for counterfeiting on one 4 5 side and for piracy on the other side. For counterfeiting, at the center is the Ministry 6 7 of Economic Development. 8 For piracy, the center is the 9 Technical Committee Against multimedia piracy 10 and in the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. 11 12 This committee has stepped up its effort and it has, just ten days ago, the 13 14 committee has set up a task force of national experts. The main target of the task force is 15 16 to integrate the proposed antipiracy edge com 17 regulation. 18 The edge com regulation is 19 described in the report by drafting proposal 20 of regulatory measures, identify knowledge for 21 (IATA) initiatives including codes of conduct 22 and self-regulation by ISP and other online

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1	intermediaries, and proposing an educational
2	campaign aimed at raising awareness on the
3	importance of the defense of IP rights.
4	The official campaign which will
5	be launched at the end of this year by the
б	presence of the Council or Minister.
7	The most important development,
8	anyway, during 2010, is without doubt,
9	represented by the antipiracy (IATA)
10	regulation described in our report.
11	As you know, this proposed
12	regulation targets violation of copyright by
13	websites and not by individual users. Now,
14	the possibility of additional measures against
15	individual users, the downloaders, in addition
16	to the ones already existing will be basically
17	dealt by the managing Task Force of the
18	presence of the Council of Ministers, probably
19	through codes of conduct and self-regulation.
20	Now, we have some reason for
21	excluding from the antipiracy (IATA)
22	regulation, violation by individual users.

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1	We decided they are not adopt the
2	model of the disconnection on the individual
3	internet connection, like in France. This
4	the reason of the exemption of violation by
5	individual user are complex, but clear.
6	Firs, it would be technically
7	difficult to effectively nail down individual
8	users. For example, after the first warning,
9	it would be easy for the user to disguise his
10	or her internet identity. So, the reason, an
11	entire box of technical reasons.
12	Second, there are some judicial
13	problems. The European Parliament has
14	repeatedly warned directly or indirectly
15	against the administrative order disconnection
16	of the internet is in contradiction with
17	freedom and civil rights.
18	Moreover, the disconnection,
19	indeed, all disconnection of the internet
20	could also be in contradiction with the
21	disposition protecting essential services
22	especially in the frequent case of phone and

Page 49 1 internet joint packages. 2 Finally, there is another important consideration which is also a little 3 bit delicate. The administrative activities, 4 5 connection of individual user would be possibly only through the mandatory 6 7 cooperation of the internet service providers. 8 One thing is the disclosure of the 9 identity of the individual user by order of 10 the judge already happens in Italy, and a complete different team who did the disclosure 11 12 of the internet identify by other individual user by the order of an administrative 13 14 authority. We think that is a general 15 consideration, and once the neutrality of an 16 internet service provider is broken for the 17 sake of copyright protection, in Italy and 18 19 maybe in other European countries, it would 20 really be difficult about the legitimacy of 21 (IATA) and jurisdictionally to limit the 22 exception only to the defense of copyright.

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1	On the contrary, it would become
2	easy to open it up to exception in defense of
3	other interests and values, like the right to
4	privacy or the protection against defamation
5	and, as an Italian State, we cannot control
6	entirely these developments because we are
7	executive, legislative and jurisdictional.
8	In this frame I have to recall the
9	recent fairness of Italian sentence of
10	conviction of the Google and YouTube legal
11	representative for violation of privacy.
12	We may say that
13	MR. McCOY: Could I just say you
14	have about a minute left.
15	MR. MAZZA: Yes. We have to say
16	we have chosen to stay in a prudent and safe
17	territory. We will not attack the internet
18	connection of the individual user, but at the
19	same time we will not expose the principle of
20	high-speed neutrality to exception in Italy
21	and in Europe might easily be extended beyond
22	the protection of copyright.

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1	So, in this frame, this (IATA)
2	antipiracy regulation represents a very
3	important step toward the effective protection
4	of copyright in the internet.
5	We hope that this regulation will
6	be approved as a regulation and this time
7	(IATA) and through a law parliament which will
8	be a perfect tool also to obtain other aspect
9	of the protection of copyright, but could
10	require a longer time frame.
11	Concluding, considering the
12	described improvements in the protection and
13	enforcement of copyrights, we really invite
14	you to consider the removal of Italy from the
15	Watch List, or the opening of an out-of-cycle
16	review during fall 2011, which will be a
17	significant sign of support to our ongoing
18	effort in the field of IPR protection.
19	MR. McCOY: Well, thank you very
20	much for that information and for speaking to
21	issues where we had questions, internet piracy
22	and so on. We appreciate that.

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1	We appreciate your participation
2	today, and we look forward to continuing our
3	conversation on a government-to-government
4	basis and would be grateful for any further
5	information you want to provide, either as a
6	posthearing submission
7	MR. MAZZA: We will.
8	MR. McCOY: or otherwise.
9	MR. MAZZA: We will.
10	MR. McCOY: Thank you very much.
11	MR. MAZZA: Thanks to you.
12	MR. McCOY: Appreciate it.
13	If I could not invite Mr. Behar
14	from the embassy of Mexico. Thank you. Than
15	you, Salvador, for joining us today and we are
16	delighted to have you here again with us this
17	year and, as we looked over the submissions
18	received in the process today, one of the
19	suggestions by a submitter related to
20	suggesting high-level national antipiracy
21	plans and coordinations to enhance federal,
22	state and municipal enforcement activities.

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1	We would be interested in your
2	reactions on the question of enforcement at
3	different levels of government in Mexico as
4	well as examples of any issues that the
5	government of Mexico feels need more attention
6	or which can be addressed through further
7	government involvement.
8	The floor is yours.
9	MR. BEHAR: Thank you, Stan, it is
10	my pleasure to be here in front of the members
11	of the Subcommittee.
12	First of all, let me thank the
13	USTR for posting for a whole year my picture
14	in the website. My kids now go to my
15	instead of going to my Facebook, go to
16	websites of the USTR. So, I am happy to
17	update it for the next year.
18	Well, we, of course, appreciate
19	the opportunity to appear before you at this
20	hearing and express our views on the Special
21	301 process.
22	For the record, I am Salvador

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1	Behar. I am legal counsel for International
2	Trade at the Embassy of Mexico.
3	Let me say firstly, that these
4	comments will be cumulative of what I said in
5	2010. Some most of the actions we have
6	done in the past continue. It is a continuous
7	effort. We don't change. We move forward and
8	we accumulate, so I would like you to go back
9	to the files and see my testimony before.
10	Now, on the intellectual property
11	rights, you know that it is an important
12	matter where the Mexican Government is
13	committed and has been working with the U.S.
14	Government very closely, and the industry.
15	There is a meaningful bilateral
16	trade between the industries of Mexico and the
17	U.S. because of our geographical proximity.
18	As our president stated in May
19	2010, innovation and investment in technology
20	and human capital are keys to sustain economic
21	growth and competitiveness involving Mexico
22	and the U.S., and the protection of

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1	intellectual property rights is important to
2	promote the investments. End of quote.
3	Our agencies have been working
4	closely to honor this commitment, bilateral
5	commitment.
б	I would like to address specific
7	issues during my testimony, but I must say
8	that this is just a brevity of the actions and
9	activities related to copyright protection
10	taken by the Mexican authorities.
11	Most of the statistics will be
12	available upon request by the parties and I
13	will be happy to share in our bilateral
14	meetings, furthermore.
15	I will say that on the first time,
16	activities by in Mexico by enforcement
17	agencies. In 2010, in close coordination with
18	Attorney General's Office, Customs, and the
19	Mexican Army and in collaboration with state
20	enforcement authorities seized more than 146
21	million counterfeited products and searched
22	more than 1899 properties.

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1	For the last three years the
2	agencies have dismantled more than 877 labs,
3	illegal labs, more than 18,000 raids and
4	arrested more than 3,000 criminals.
5	With regards to enforcement taken
6	by the Attorney General's Office, responsible
7	for IPR crimes, we have more than 1899
8	premises, search warrants, 3,000 more than
9	3,000 operations in flea markets and streets,
10	97 laboratories dismantled just in this year,
11	16 people in jail time and one more than
12	1,000 people detained.
13	But we are not only improving the
14	enforcement side, we are also continuing
15	public educational campaigns to raise
16	awareness against piracy.
17	For example, in September 2010, we
18	launched a full addition of the kids drawing,
19	drawing piracy, with more than 2,300 drawings
20	nationwide, in support of our antipiracy
21	actions.
22	Moreover, the National Institute

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1	of Copyright has introduced an IP chapter in
2	the civics and ethics textbook, which is a
3	must to be used in elementary schools
4	nationwide.
5	This chapter is devoted to raise
6	awareness within the general population
7	regarding the respect of IPR at an early
8	stage.
9	(IATA) has also been recognized
10	with the management improving award for the
11	last two consecutive years and it is important
12	to mention that in (IATA) is the agency
13	responsible of the ISVN and ISSN for the
14	serial number standard serial number,
15	aiming to maintain our reliable record of
16	copyrights.
17	Consideration procedures in the
18	(IATA) interdiction have proven to be an
19	effective alternative use for resolving
20	disputes of rightholders as well, with more
21	than 70 percent of the litigation solved.
22	Now, to address your question

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1	about coordination and enforcement between our
2	federal government and state and municipal, as
3	well as the private sector, I have to say that
4	as of March 1st, 2011, which I will question
5	the committee whether this still counts
6	towards eleven or twelve, and launch a pilot
7	prosecution highway, which is jointly with the
8	USPTO.
9	The purpose of pilot project is
10	that the IP Office is can expedite their
11	examination process by using to the maximum
12	extent possible the substantive examination
13	results obtained by the signatory office.
14	The pilot prosecution highway
15	reduces the substantive examination period.
16	What was used to be done in 27 months now can
17	be resolved in a period of three months. This
18	is only one example of cooperation between two
19	agencies that work very closely and
20	effectively.
21	Collaboration, training and
22	increasing intelligence-sharing among law

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1	enforcement agencies of both countries has
2	been taking place to enforce IPR rights more
3	effectively between the U.S. and Mexico.
4	Since early 2010 the government of
5	Mexico has designated an attache officer in
б	the IPR Coordination Center in order to share
7	information and promptly act when IPR
8	infringements are detected.
9	This coordination has proven to be
10	effective. At least two cross-border
11	operations have been carried out. Last summer
12	a joint operation between DHS and Mexican
13	officials called "Safe Summer," took place.
14	This operation was coordinated by
15	the U.S. Intellectual Property Copyrights
16	Coordination Center. The operation "Target
17	Health and Safety-Related Items," smuggled
18	through international mail branches and
19	express career courier facilities in both
20	countries.
21	In the U.S. the operation resulted
22	in more than 800 seizures were estimated in

1	Page 60 several hundred millions of dollars, and in
Ŧ	several nundred millions of dollars, and in
2	Mexico it resulted in the seizure of more than
3	300 tons of counterfeited goods.
4	Now, let me talk about
5	international cooperation. In June 2010,
б	(IATA) signed a cooperation agreement with the
7	OAS, the American Organization of American
8	States, on intellectual property, trade and
9	innovation.
10	Mexico reaffirmed its commitment
11	to protect IPR internationally. We are an
12	active negotiator we were an active
13	negotiator of the ACTA which was agreed to
14	last fall.
15	We look forward for a signature
16	and internal process for approval by our
17	respective legislators and parliaments, as the
18	case may be.
19	In the world and the world
20	Intellectual Property Organizations sign a
21	cooperation agreement to implement and
22	increase activities related to human

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1	resources, training and education for
2	professionals in Latin American region, to
3	promote and disseminating the importance of IP
4	protection.
5	It is also important to highlight
6	that MPB is the first government agency to be
7	awarded the IP productivity, security and
8	transparency certificate by the Business
9	Software Alliance.
10	After our conclusion of the audit
11	made by BSA, MPB became the first
12	administrative authority worldwide that audits
13	its IT platforms in terms if IP and, thus, use
14	of legal software.
15	This is a first step of the
16	program launched by BSA in Mexico in the
17	"Ejemplo Empiezs En Casa," "The Example Starts
18	at Home."
19	The Mexican Customs Office has
20	also made exceptional and consistent progress
21	in the protection of IPR. The office has been
22	recognized by the World Customs Organization

Page 62 presented the Yolanda Benitiz Award to Mexican 1 2 Tax Agency, SAT, in recognition of Mexico's successful efforts to fight circulation of 3 counterfeited goods and expired medicines. 4 5 In 2009, the government of Mexico conducted more than 460 operations in which 48 6 7 -- 38 million pieces of counterfeited goods 8 were confiscated. The program will have 9 generated approximately \$220 million in the black market. 10 11 MR. McCOY: You have about a 12 minute left. 13 MR. BEHAR: Four representatives 14 of SAT have been certified by the World 15 Customs Organizations as experts in IP. These are the first Latin Americans to reach that 16 17 achievement. 18 For ten training courses to 595 19 government officials will perform in customs, 20 the keynote of the series was based 21 intellectual property practice to achieve maximum deterrents at the border with the 22

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1	support of the U.S. Government and WCO, the
2	Customs organization.
3	Mexico was also part of the
4	Jupiter Operation led by Interpol to crack
5	down on piracy. Last week Mexican enforcement
6	agencies initiated a training seminar to share
7	best practices for detection and deterrents of
8	piracy.
9	On the legislative actions, you
10	may be aware, Mexico has made important
11	reforms to IPR regulations to strengthen the
12	protections including the ex official
13	authority to PGR, raising criminal penalties.
14	In 2010, general rules of foreign
15	trade were published to more expeditious and
16	assertive detection of pirated goods in the
17	suspension of the list of importance of
18	companies involved.
19	We are also establishing a
20	trademark recordation system where (IATA) and
21	Customs will provide rightholders with
22	additional tools to protect IP against

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1	infringing goods at the border.
2	The amendment in the Customs law
3	is submitted to Congress and the agencies
4	continue working with the IP systems to
5	implement such a program.
6	MR. McCOY: You would be welcome
7	to submit the rest as a posthearing statement
8	if you would like.
9	MR. BEHAR: I have one line to say
10	and I am done. The recordation system will
11	provide enforcement officials the following
12	tools: Cargo logs; security kits; access to
13	programs and databases; and, access to the
14	Philips database for DVD's, CD's and so forth.
15	For the above-mentioned, we
16	formally request Mexico (IATA).
17	Thank you very much.
18	MR. McCOY: Thank you. Thank you
19	very much, Mr. Behar. We value our
20	cooperation with the government of Mexico and
21	the Mexican embassy tremendously, and we are
22	grateful to you today for providing a summary

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1	of some of the elements of that cooperation,
2	and we look forward to continuing to work with
3	you and discuss with you on a bilateral basis
4	how we can build on that cooperation.
5	So, thank you very much for being
б	here today.
7	MR. BEHAR: Thank you very much.
8	And Mr. Amigo is here and is coming today for
9	the APEC meeting which we share the IG. Thank
10	you.
11	MR. McCOY: Thank you. Thank you.
12	So, we had foreseen a break, but
13	we have run a bit over time, so I'm just going
14	to forge ahead until the lunch break.
15	We have next BeachBody LLC for ten
16	minutes. Could I ask the representative of
17	BeachBody LLC to join us at the table.
18	All right. If they're not ready,
19	then I'll ask the Global Health Organization's
20	representative to join us at the table. Is
21	that Sean? Yes.
22	So, quickly, in terms of the in

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1	terms of your submission, you talked at one
2	point about promoting best practices in
3	innovation policies and we'd be interested in
4	hearing more of that in line with our mandate
5	to look at best practices in the Special 301
6	process this year.
7	And we also noted on pages 23 and
8	24 of your submission that you had talked
9	about the Special 301 report in 2010,
10	encouraging countries to adopt ex officio
11	border enforcement of patents and we would be
12	interested in, if you can explain where you
13	perceive that encouragement as existing in the
14	in the 2010 Special 301 Report.
15	With that, the floor is yours for
16	ten minutes.
17	MR. FLYNN: Sure. Thank you very
18	much.
19	I have to say I was very much
20	looking forward to seeing who BeachBody LLC
21	was, but
22	MR. McCOY: We will have to wait.

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1	We will give them another chance to come back
2	in the room.
3	MR. FLYNN: It is you. I thought
4	so.
5	Thank you again for having me here
6	and thank you for having this hearing again.
7	I personally and, we generally think that this
8	is a positive change in 301, hence we are
9	happy that you are continuing it.
10	So, I do want to take up
11	particularly, that issue of best practices.
12	I'll refer to the specific, you know, page
13	numbers you asked for in an off-the-record
14	or sorry, in postrecord comments, if that is
15	okay.
16	So, I have given you a handout
17	today. I think what I wanted to use this time
18	for was to reemphasize, I think, a significant
19	and early point of departure between our
20	comments and the pharmaceutical industry's
21	comments that are before you today.
22	And that is the comment from the

Page 68 pharmaceuticals' entry submission that 1 2 intellectual property, particularly patents and related medicine-related intellectual 3 property are not a barrier to access to 4 5 medicines, they're actually the driver of access to medicines, and therefore it is 6 7 consistent to drive trips-plus policies on 8 access to medicines without infringing upon 9 the U.S. commitments to the Doha Declaration. 10 And I want to explain why that is not true, and I think the rest of the specific 11 comments we make in our written submissions 12 follow from that and I think you'll get 13 14 opportunities to hear from others today about some of those specifics. 15 16 So I have handed out to you a series of graphs, and this is meant to 17 18 summarize and explain the different impacts of 19 intellectual property in rich countries versus 20 middle-income countries. 21 So here I'm specifically talking 22 about, for instance, Thailand, Brazil, India,

Page 691some of the major targets for the2pharmaceutical industry within the 3013paradigm, within the 301 program.4So patents are designed to promote5incentives for research and development and6implies a tradeoff. It purposefully raises7prices on goods in order to create research8and development incentives, but the amount9that those prices are raised are different in10middle-income countries and more wealthy11countries. And the reason is the inequality12within income within those countries.13So, the first chart is a14hypothetical country with just a flat demand15curve. And the idea is that the patent in16that demand curve would promote higher prices,17but it is not necessarily unreasonably high18prices because, even in an monopoly market,19there is a restraint. The restraint on20pricing is a function of the demand curve.21The company can only raise prices22so much as the decrease in additional sales		
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1	because of the higher prices will not result
2	in a decrease in overall sales and, therefore,
3	profits.
4	Now, where exactly that point
5	takes place it seems to be going on and
6	off. Is this fine?
7	Where exactly that point takes
8	place is a function of the shape of the demand
9	curve, and the shape of the demand curve is
10	very different in more wealthy countries than
11	it is in middle-income countries, especially,
12	and that is the rest of these charts.
13	So, the charts compare, for
14	instance, Norway, the most equal distribution
15	of income in the world, with Brazil, the most
16	unequal distribution of income in the world.
17	And if you look at the profit-
18	maximizing behavior in these two charts, in
19	Norway the profit-maximizing behavior is to
20	continue to decrease prices until you hit
21	about 80 or 90 percent of the population, then
22	the social system is going to have to kick in

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1	and provide for the remaining 10 or 20
2	percent.
3	So, the dead-weight loss in
4	economic terms in a country like Norway is
5	about 10 percent of the market.
6	It is the reverse in a country
7	like Brazil. Because there is a very small
8	portion of the population that makes
9	equivalent to "first world" incomes is a very
10	small portion, five, 10 percent that are
11	wealthy even by European and United States
12	standards.
13	The profit incentive in those
14	markets is to actually price to that segment,
15	and ignore the long, low tail of the other
16	side of the market that is the poor majority
17	of the population.
18	So, instead of the dead-weight
19	loss being 10 percent of the market, the
20	served segment of the market is 10 percent.
21	This is the fact that led to the
22	creation of what we call the global access to

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1	medicine movement. When AIDS drugs came out
2	in 1996, two years after the TRIPS Agreement
3	was signed, these new products were sold at
4	the same price in every country in the world
5	and that wasn't a market flaw, that was the
6	market.
7	The profit-maximizing incentive,
8	if you have a new drug that everybody needs is
9	to serve the majority of the rich countries
10	and to serve the small sliver the small
11	sliver of rich people in all the poor
12	countries.
13	Now, that is the problem that
14	leads to the rest of our submissions. Every
15	time you take action in 301 or a trade
16	agreement that increased intellectual property
17	standards on medicine, especially in middle-
18	income countries with large income inequality,
19	you are impeding access to medicines. You are
20	promoting incentives to price to that highest
21	sliver of the population.
22	So you need on the back end, if

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1	you care about these problems, policy tools.
2	You need what we call TRIPS flexibilities.
3	You need flexibilities like "And here is the
4	best practices," right?
5	India, Section 3-D of their patent
6	law limiting the amount of patents they grant
7	to a different level than we were given in the
8	United States. But, a different level is
9	reasonable because they have a different
10	income distribution in that country.
11	You want stricter patent laws in
12	middle-income countries than you have in
13	wealthy countries. That is a best practice.
14	It might not be a best practice if implemented
15	in the United States, but in India it is
16	absolutely a best practice.
17	Or pricing mechanisms, straight-up
18	price controls, or using government purchasing
19	to maximize your negotiating power and
20	minimize prices is what you want, especially
21	in developing countries.
22	You have to have policy tools on

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1	the other side to address the pricing problem,
2	or you will price out 90, 95 percent of the
3	country from access to their goods.
4	Now, what Joe will talk to you
5	about this afternoon is that this is actually
6	not just a medicines problem. It is also a
7	copyright problem.
8	So, what we see in copyright
9	protected movies and DVD's and CD's in middle-
10	income countries is that they price them at
11	the same exact price as in the United States.
12	So, if you adjusted those prices
13	for purchasing power, the latest version of
14	the Dark Knight DVD and Joe will give you
15	these figures it costs about \$700, the
16	equivalent in India, if you adjusted the
17	purchasing power.
18	So, they're not looking to serve
19	the whole market, they are looking to serve
20	this sliver of the market that has high
21	incomes, and that causes the rampant
22	counterfeiting and piracy on the other side.

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1	So, the best practices are not
2	just to ramp up enforcement, they are to deal
3	with the pricing problems. If you want to
4	universalize monopolies on medicines and
5	copyrighted goods, then you need to have
6	policy tools on the other side to deal with
7	the economic incentive you've just created to
8	price out the majority of the population.
9	So you should be researching
10	those. If you think that everybody should
11	have an equally-enforced copyright law, patent
12	law around the world, what are the other
13	policy tools that you want to promote to make
14	sure that those companies serve the entire
15	market.
16	We want all of all people, all
17	countries to be able to consume our movies and
18	music, but they won't do it if you price
19	everyone out. And that is the economic
20	incentive that the strict monopoly laws are
21	creating, both in copyrights and in patents.
22	I'll stop there for a minute. I

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1	haven't been watching the time, but I know I'm
2	going right into the next segment.
3	MR. McCOY: Yes, you have about a
4	minute left.
5	MR. FLYNN: Okay. I'm happy to
6	take any questions or I'm happy to pause for
7	a moment and then go in, because I think I'm
8	up next, on pricing programs, and I want to
9	raise I'll just kind of go into that.
10	MR. McCOY: If you want to just
11	do you want to just I think you are I
12	think what you are alluding to is that you are
13	the next one we have on our the next one we
14	have on our schedule is Forum on Democracy and
15	Trade, and you were going to talk there about
16	the I think we had had another
17	representative for that, but you are going to
18	you are going to take that spot and talk
19	about something else, I hope.
20	You know, the subcommittee rather
21	frowns on people just using multiple headings
22	to talk to us, to talk to us for longer blocks

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1	of time.
2	So, if you can if we can ask
3	you if you are addressing something
4	appreciably different on behalf of a different
5	group, that is fine.
6	MR. FLYNN: It is a different
7	issue on a different group, yes.
8	MR. McCOY: Okay. Do you want to
9	go ahead and
10	MR. FLYNN: So that is the so I
11	think that is the summary of the global health
12	concern. All the specifics around specifics
13	on data exclusivity, specifics on linkage
14	programs, specifics on the statements in 301
15	that seem to look down upon pricing programs,
16	et cetera, our concerns are motivated by that
17	first principle.
18	And I want to switch now and talk
19	from the perspective of the Forum on Democracy
20	and Trade, and I'm also just going to, here,
21	take the National Legislative Association on
22	Prescription Drug Prices who is scheduled this

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1	afternoon, but this is the same testimony for
2	them, so I'm just giving up the afternoon
3	slot, if I may.
4	So, from so that problem with
5	creating a monopoly on essential medicines
6	causing higher prices, it causes extra
7	problems in developing countries, but it
8	causes problems here, too, right.
9	So the United States spends over
10	twice the OECD average on medicines every
11	year. The expenditures on medicines in this
12	country increase at multiple times the
13	inflation rate despite the amount of medicines
14	not changing dramatically, and that indicates
15	ever-increasing shifts in the United States
16	towards the purchasing of higher and higher
17	cost brand in medications.
18	The medicine expenditure problem
19	in the United States and we perceive it as
20	a problem is driven by the patented
21	medicine problem, the branded medicine
22	problems.

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1	Our generic prices are actually
2	often lower than many of our competitors, but
3	our branded prices are much higher.
4	Now, the exception is, within
5	Government purchasing. Within our Medicaid
б	program we pay prices that are equivalent to
7	or even less than Canada and many of the other
8	trading partners, and the reason for that is
9	we use the same tools as foreign countries to
10	negotiate lower drug prices through pooling
11	our purchasing power.
12	So, Medicaid programs use
13	formularies called "Preferred Drug Lists," and
14	those formularies consider a price. They look
15	at price and efficacy of drugs and they place
16	the most cost-effective treatments on
17	preferred lists, and that drives purchasing
18	towards those preferred lists.
19	Now, these are the same tools that
20	have been targeted for the last several years
21	in the Special 301 Program as being "unfair,"
22	quote/unquote and it is the same tools

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that are targeted in the 2011 PhRMA 301
submission this year which, it seemed like
when I kind of skimmed through it, most of
this mission is actually about pricing
programs, not about intellectual property.
And so, our message is this: And
this goes within the TPP Agreement that's now
being negotiated. It is a criticism that's
been leveled at the Korea Free Trade Agreement
and the Australia Free Trade Agreement, which
is that USTR and our trade policy, more
generally, should not be pushing standards
abroad that we don't live according to here at
home.
So, in the Korea Free Trade
Agreement, for example, there's a provision
that Korea should provide appeals for
pharmaceutical companies that are dissatisfied
with the reimbursement prices they received
with the public
MR. McCOY: Could I ask you to
focus on the Special 301 process. I

Page 81 1 understand there are many witnesses who have 2 many concerns about aspects of trade policy beyond our mandate today. 3 MR. FLYNN: I'm particularly 4 5 talking about within Special 301. There is a 6 section last year. There was a section in 7 2009 that identifies programs for having 8 unfair reimbursement programs. 9 Now, I'm assuming from this that 10 you are using the standards that you are pushing in your FTA agreements, which is why 11 I raised that standard. 12 It is often couched in vaguer 13 14 terms such as "transparency," or "adequately valuing patented medicines to promote 15 incentives to innovate," et cetera. 16 17 But we don't provide those same 18 kind of standards in this country. 19 MR. McCOY: Do you think those 20 terms mean something else? I'm sorry. 21 MR. FLYNN: Do they mean something 22 else?

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1	MR. McCOY: I'm interested in what
2	the specific criticism is because we are here
3	to try to make the report better, and if you
4	can identify, you know, specifically what it
5	is about the about the report, and I
6	understand you said, "quote/unquote unfair" at
7	one point, and then but then you said the
8	report actually used terms like
9	"transparency," so I'm I want to be clear
10	about it.
11	MR. FLYNN: Great. So, Stan,
12	that's an excellent point. So, I have no idea
13	what you talked about when you say that
14	something is unfair.
15	We look at those programs and we
16	see programs that operate the same way as
17	programs in the States. So, I'm trying to
18	use, for instance, your free trade agreements
19	to give some meaning to that, but I'd rather
20	you actually gave meaning to that within the
21	section itself.
22	So, what do you mean when you

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1	target France, for instance, a having unfair
2	reimbursement programs or not having
3	sufficiently transparent practice?
4	Thailand, last year, came up and
5	sat in front of you and said that, in response
6	to your advice they put pharmaceutical
7	representatives on pricing committees in ways
8	that would violate State conflict of interest
9	laws.
10	We think that you should not be
11	pushing other countries to do things that
12	would violate conflict of interest laws in the
13	United States.
14	MR. McCOY: If you could let us
15	know in your posthearing submission where it
16	says that France has an unfair reimbursement
17	policy or what I'd really be interested in
18	what
19	MR. FLYNN: Page 14 you include
20	"Industry has expressed concerns regarding the
21	policies of the following countries, Finland,
22	France, Italy" you know you don't say that

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1	you agree with them, but I think the
2	implication is, when you list France that you
3	are targeting France for something that's
4	unfair about that policy.
5	So, you should explain what's
6	unfair about it. You should explain how it is
7	different than what we do in our own country,
8	or you should get rid of this chapter.
9	Now, we also make an argument
10	that, actually having this chapter violates
11	your own statute. There's nothing in your
12	statute that allows you to go around calling
13	"unfair" other countries' pharmaceutical
14	pricing programs.
15	If they are discriminatory, you
16	should say what's discriminatory about them,
17	as you do with respect to Poland, but you
18	don't any anything discriminatory about the
19	operation of these programs in Finland and
20	France and Italy, Japan, Korea, New Zealand,
21	Taiwan.
22	What's the discriminatory aspect?

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1	What's the aspect that violates a trade
2	principle?
3	Now, the market access clause
4	within the statute that you are enforcing has
5	a specific definition. It says it has to be
б	a discriminatory non-tariff barrier. It can't
7	just be a pricing program that pharmaceutical
8	companies don't like.
9	You have to point out what's
10	discriminatory about it. So, in the next
11	report we ask you to do that.
12	MR. McCOY: You have about three
13	minutes left if there's anything further you
14	want to
15	MR. FLYNN: I think I'm done.
16	I'll take questions.
17	MR. McCOY: Okay. Well, if you
18	want to elaborate on any of this I mean, my
19	question is the one I articulated. It seems
20	to me that you are it seems to me that you
21	are the sentence you were just citing says
22	"U.S. industry has expressed concerns

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1	regarding the policies of several
2	industrialized trading partners, including"
3	and then it proceeds to list several countries
4	on issues related to innovation in the
5	pharmaceutical sector and other aspects of
6	health care goods and services.
7	And then it goes on to give
8	examples of Japan and Poland in a bit more
9	detail.
10	I'm not sure I understand the
11	connection between the comment you just made
12	and what it actually says in the report. It
13	seems to me you are doing a considerable
14	amount of reading between the lines.
15	If you can clarify that for us,
16	either in the remaining two minutes or in a
17	posthearing submission, if we are saying
18	things in the report that are wrong, we want
19	to fix that.
20	MR. FLYNN: So, on page so I'm
21	not sure what it means when you list countries
22	in response to industry concerns in a written

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1	report, and then I hear you coming back to me
2	and saying, "But that doesn't actually mean
3	anything. We just mentioned those countries."
4	If it doesn't mean anything, don't
5	mention the countries. If it does mean
б	something, then please explain what it means.
7	But, here on page 13 and 14 is
8	expressly what I'm disagreeing with. For
9	example, "Government practices including
10	unreasonable regulatory approval delays and
11	potentially unfair reimbursement policies can
12	discourage the development of new drugs and
13	other medical devices."
14	That sentence is not in compliance
15	with your statute. There's nothing in your
16	statute that says that you can target
17	countries based on unreasonable, unfair
18	reimbursement policies that discourage the
19	development of new drugs," it is not what 301
20	is about.
21	It is not a drug development rule.
22	It is to identify discriminatory non-tariff

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1	barriers. That's what the market access
2	definition is.
3	So, you should explain how these
4	pro how unfair reimbursement policies are
5	different than the reimbursement policies that
6	the U.S. implements, and therefore, unfair.
7	That's my definition of unfair. If you have
8	a different one, then we'd like to hear that.
9	And how these reimbursement
10	policies are discriminatory, A; and, non-
11	tariff barriers, B. That's what your statute
12	says. I don't see anything in here that
13	indicates that these pages, 13 to 14 comply
14	with your statute or comply with good policy
15	which we define as not adopting international
16	standards that, if applied in the United
17	States, we would not follow today.
18	And that's within Medicaid.
19	That's within State reimbursement policies.
20	That's within Veterans Administration
21	purchasing. That's within GSA purchasing.
22	MR. McCOY: Okay. Thanks, Sean.

1	Time is expired. We appreciate
2	your participation today, and you can you
3	are at liberty to provide any further
4	information you would like as a posthearing
5	submission.
6	MR. FLYNN: Thank you. And again,
7	we really thank you for this opportunity to
8	have an open hearing. I think it is a great
9	improvement.
10	MR. McCOY: We thank you for
11	coming. Thank you.
12	Is BeachBody ready? BeachBody
13	LLC. Please come on up to the table. Make
14	yourselves comfortable.
15	What we have been doing is, rather
16	than stop you five minutes through and switch
17	to questions, just try to let you know if we
18	have any general questions, and then and
19	then we will interrupt you if questions come
20	up during the presentation.
21	But, in your submission you
22	provided some interesting statistics about

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1	seizures in China. We are interested in
2	hearing more about your interactions with
3	Chinese enforcement agencies and where they're
4	positive and where they're not so positive.
5	We are also interested in your
6	experience with Chinese Auction sites. You
7	elaborate on that a bit in your submission,
8	but that's something that's of considerable
9	interest to us if you want to elaborate on
10	that further today.
11	MR. GELFAND: I will, for sure.
12	Well, Mr. McCoy, members of the
13	Special 301 Committee, on behalf of BeachBody
14	LLC, we are based in Santa Monica, California,
15	I want to thank each and every one of you for
16	the opportunity today to testify.
17	My name is Jonathan Gelfand. I'm
18	senior vice president of business development
19	and general counsel for the company.
20	If you don't know BeachBody's a
21	health and wellness company based, again, in
22	California, our core purpose and corporate

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1	mission to help individuals achieve their goal
2	and enjoy fit, healthy-living lives.
3	BeachBody's core offerings are in-
4	home fitness DVD's, so they include brands
5	like P90X, Insanity and TurboFire, which are
6	advertized on infomercial and direct response
7	mediums as well as direct person-to-person
8	sales.
9	All of our products include DVD's,
10	calendars, peer support, diet and nutrition
11	guides, an entire wellness program so that in
12	six weeks, 90 days, you can begin your
13	personal wellness journey.
14	In addition to our core in-home
15	products, we also now have a network of peer-
16	to-peer person distributors. On the
17	multilevel marketing network we have over
18	55,000 Americans that distribute our products.
19	The company's growing due to the
20	success of our fitness products. Last year,
21	alone, in a challenging economy, we employed
22	138 new Americans, bringing our total up to

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1	over 400, so we are very proud that we are
2	continuing to grow.
3	As our success has grown,
4	unfortunately, so has piracy. Piracy is
5	running rampant right now in our DVD programs.
6	Counterfeiting is such a problem of massive
7	consequence that I have tripled my team in-
8	house, and being a small-to-medium enterprise,
9	this kind of expenditure, we spend well
10	close to a half a million dollars just in
11	enforcement and legal fees and translation on
12	international enforcement.
13	For a small company, these costs
14	are astronomical. In addition, frequently,
15	despite our best efforts, the piracy is
16	continuing unchecked. No matter how many
17	auction sites we take down, no matter how many
18	websites we can take over through URDP
19	actions, how many seizures we are doing
20	through Customs, through CBP and ICE and FBI-
21	coordination, the piracy is continuing to grow
22	and grow.

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1	I know that many people are
2	speaking to you today, and I know the
3	committee, itself, has noted this growing
4	problem so I don't want to spend too much time
5	on that, but I really want to stress the
6	direct impact to a small-to-medium enterprise
7	is significant.
8	I don't have the stature of a
9	Disney or an IP to go in front of all senators
10	whenever I need to and really highlight this
11	issue yet, at the same time, the direct
12	economic impact can wipe out a small company.
13	We have estimated by putting up
14	websites similar to the piracy websites. We
15	have put up a lot of websites for a six-month
16	test period to collect which orders, and we
17	also traced activity going to some of the more
18	popular pirated websites out there, and the
19	annual revenue exceed \$70 million on our
20	product alone.
21	This \$70 million in product that
22	was being sold through our dummy websites

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1	And, when we track some of them,
2	they are up within an hour. So, despite we
3	spending a lot of time and resources to take
4	sites down and to take auction users down,
5	they come right back up frequently, and that
6	is a significant problem impacting small
7	biocenoses.
8	In addition, while Ebay, we will
9	frequently see sales of one to ten, on iOffer
10	and some of the other sites, we have seen lots
11	of 1800 units at P90X be sold for a cost of
12	about \$6 each.
13	We sell P90X for \$120. So these
14	obviously aren't coming in under "for sale
15	doctrine," or anything that's legal. These
16	are pirated products.
17	Before we commence enforcement
18	action, we do purchases to ensure that they're
19	always pirated product. We are very, very
20	cautious and careful not to take down any kind
21	of legitimate sale, especially when dealing
22	with U.S. auction sites such as eBay.

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1	You also asked about Chinese
2	enforcement activity. Our largest problematic
3	country is still China. We are spending a
4	considerable amount of time chasing a lot of
5	the websites that come up.
6	They register websites using our
7	domain name, p90xstore.com, p90xworkoutdvd.com
8	and the wonderful name about domain names is
9	they're virtually unlimited.
10	We can spend weeks and tens of
11	thousands of dollars to take down an ISP, to
12	remove a payment processor, and then to
13	eventually do a UDRP action and physically
14	take a domain name.
15	And they've replicated our entire
16	website. So, it already exists for them. For
17	us to spend weeks-upon-weeks while they're
18	conducting hundreds of thousands of dollars in
19	revenue and sales, for them to simply add a
20	one or P90XX Workout DVD, it takes them
21	seconds, which takes us tens of thousands of
22	dollars and months-upon-months.

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1	A lot of these websites that come
2	up are rings, meaning that as soon as we take
3	one down another one will pop up and look
4	identical.
5	Once you go into their contacted
6	or terms of use it will just reference the old
7	site, and you realize there's 10 to 20
8	websites that are all working in concert,
9	capturing orders, selling for very similar
10	prices, masquerading as the company itself.
11	They copy everything including our
12	terms of use, our privacy policy and this is
13	leading to not only direct company harm, it is
14	leading to direct consumer harm.
15	This is another large thing I
16	really want to stress. Like many companies,
17	BeachBody takes its customers and its product
18	extremely serious. This is all we are.
19	All we are is as good as our word.
20	We have an A-plus rating with the Better
21	Business Bureau, and it is a company that does
22	millions of transactions. Maintaining that A-

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1	plus rating is a challenge and we do that by
2	making sure that our customers are always
3	treated as just that. They are what make our
4	life blood as a company.
5	When a consumer buys a pirated
6	DVD, it is frequently defective. It stops
7	working midway through. This leads to
8	considerable consumer confidence damage.
9	These people are very vocal on
10	blogs and through attorneys general and the
11	various sites that we sell them defective
12	goods. When they contact us, that raises a
13	very large customer service problem, again,
14	for a small company, it is a lot harder to
15	absorb that.
16	If you make the customer happy and
17	send them a legitimate product which they
18	didn't pay for, do you take care of the
19	customer or do you use that as a learning tool
20	for that consumer. And this is a problem that
21	many companies are facing time and time again.
22	We do have a lot of people that

Page 99 1 come to us who were simply duped into buying 2 defective goods. In addition, there's been 3 4 increasing reports of people that have had 5 problems when they've bought defective programs, everything from hard drives being 6 7 replaced, identify theft, these are real world 8 problems which are now striking, whether it is 9 through physical DVD's placed into a laptop 10 when they want to do a workout of watch the latest movie or through the torrent and the 11 12 different downloads which are running rampant 13 right now. 14 Based on our experience and our every single day of trying to enforce and 15 16 protect our intellectual property as a small 17 company, we have several main recommendations 18 for improving IPR internationally. 19 First, we really are asking -- we 20 have a need for increased use of criminal 21 enforcement tools to create greater 22 deterrents. Right now there simply isn't a

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1	great enough deterrence, especially
2	internationally, to prevent piracy.
3	My simile is, it is like as if you
4	were caught driving 90 miles an hour on the
5	freeway and you only received a \$10 speeding
6	ticket that didn't go against your insurance.
7	At that part it is a cost of
8	driving, doing business. It is a toll road.
9	And right now that seems to be the problem
10	that we are facing.
11	Internationally, the penalties
12	seem grossly inadequate. The cost to a small
13	company to conduct a raid in China or another
14	international territory such as Russia, are
15	extremely high.
16	It is a huge pain point. It takes
17	weeks-upon-weeks of hiring investigators, of
18	making sure you do everything right. You have
19	to, then, convince local police which can
20	sometimes be a challenge, to put it mildly, to
21	take up a case against their local factories.
22	And, even when you spend all that

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1	money, the amount of the penalties that at
2	least we are seeing handed out are
3	inconsequential compared to the money they
4	make by continuing their illegal behavior.
5	Domestically, a frequent problem
6	that we receive is when we go to prosecutors
7	and we want somebody to take up a criminal
8	case, we are told that because of resources
9	and because of funding, unless it is a
10	humongous case
11	MR. McCOY: You have about a
12	minute left.
13	MR. GELFAND: Okay we are
14	seeing prosecutors not willing or able to take
15	it.
16	Our second recommendation is we
17	need better coordination, communication among
18	the USG bodies, CBP, ICE, the FBI. The more
19	we work together the more we are able to
20	operate correctly and efficiently.
21	The third is the need for Customs
22	and other enforcement authorities to provide

Page 102 IP owners with earlier and more substantial 1 2 access to the information we need if we need 3 to pursue our own investigations. Greater information is critical for us. 4 5 And the last one is the need for greater transparency regarding the results of 6 7 when the Government is taking up a matter and 8 knowing where that is so that we know how to 9 act as private actors. 10 Any questions? Any details I can fill in for the group? 11 12 MR. McCOY: Thank you very much 13 for that. We appreciate it. We appreciate 14 your written submission --15 MR. GELFAND: Thank you. 16 MR. McCOY: -- spelling out some additional concerns. I know time was short 17 18 today. 19 MR. GELFAND: Yes. 20 MR. McCOY: Thank you for speaking 21 to our -- to the particular questions we had. We appreciate that and, if there's anything 22

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1	more you feel you would like to elaborate on,
2	we are open for posthearing submissions until
3	March 9th. But, we are certainly delighted.
4	Any Susan is just mentioning it
5	would be certainly helpful to us as we look to
6	design effective U.S. Government responses to
7	the situation in China.
8	The more sort of written details
9	you feel comfortable providing us about your
10	experiences with different enforcement
11	authorities in China, your experiences using
12	the legal takedown mechanisms that are
13	available, your experiences using takedown
14	mechanisms that are available for different
15	types of IP, those kinds of things provide us
16	with a lot of insights and help us in our
17	interactions with Chinese enforcement
18	authorities to
19	MR. GELFAND: A hundred percent.
20	I'll start sending that in. We understand
21	this isn't the Government's job to do this for
22	us. It is a two-way street. We need to work

Page 104 1 together to tackle this humongous problem. 2 So, the more data we can provide, we are more than willing to do that. 3 So, thank you for all your help 4 5 and your efforts. 6 MR. McCOY: Thanks very much. We 7 really appreciate you coming and joining us. Next on the list is Pharmaceutical 8 9 Research and Manufacturers of America. 10 And, let me say, just as you are taking a seat that, you know, we have looked 11 12 at your submission and some of the things you 13 highlighted. 14 You may have heard my interaction with Mr. Flynn on behalf of the Global Health 15 NGO's. Let me be -- let me give you kind of 16 the other side of the coin on that. 17 We had a discussion, Mr. Flynn and 18 19 I about -- about the information that's in the 20 Special 301 Report right now on pricing and 21 reimbursement systems, and potential problems 22 they can cause.

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1	We have seen, from your submission
2	that PhRMA would like us to go a great deal
3	farther in raising concerns about various
4	pricing and reimbursement systems.
5	You just heard a number of
6	concerns about why we shouldn't do that. What
7	do you have to say about your views on that
8	subject?
9	MR. TAYLOR: Would you like me to
10	start by answering that or
11	MR. McCOY: You can it is
12	the floor is yours. You can start by
13	answering that or you can roll right into your
14	prepared remarks and answer it when you feel
15	like it.
16	MR. TAYLOR: I think I'll close by
17	tackling that issue. It is one that is very
18	serious to us.
19	Thanks very much to the panel for
20	the opportunity to appear in front of you this
21	morning. My name is Jay Taylor, representing
22	the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers

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1	of American, known in short as PhRMA.
2	PhRMA's member companies exist to
3	create medicines that help save lives, fight
4	disease and enable patients to live longer,
5	healthier lives.
6	To accomplish these goals,
7	biopharmaceutical companies invested over \$64
8	billion in new research and development in
9	2009, with almost \$45 billion invested
10	directly by PhRMA's member companies.
11	In his recent State of the Union
12	Address, President Obama offered an ambitious
13	agenda focused on bolstering the economy and
14	job growth, including the central themes of
15	innovation and American competitiveness.
16	The President emphasized that
17	medical innovation will continue to play a
18	critical role in these efforts. PhRMA's
19	member companies make enormous investments in
20	our future, in our employees and in our
21	economy, in part, because they can count on
22	the United States' longstanding history of

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1	strong intellectual property protection.
2	The result has been significant
3	research and development investment by our
4	members in the Unite States over the last 30
5	years.
6	These investments, in turn, have
7	led to numerous cures and treatments for
8	American and global patients, strong export
9	performance and support for 3.2 million U.S.
10	jobs.
11	At the same time, PhRMA member
12	companies are actively engaged in solving the
13	health problems of the developing world.
14	Indeed, America's pharmaceutical companies are
15	one of the largest contributors of funding for
16	innovative treatments for diseases affecting
17	developing regions in Latin American, Asia and
18	Africa.
19	In the last decade, our companies
20	have provided over \$9.2 billion in direct
21	assistance to health care for the developing
22	world, including donations of medicines,

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1	vaccines, diagnostics and equipment, as well
2	as other materials and labor.
3	This highlights why the Special
4	301 process is so critically important to the
5	biopharmaceutical sector, patients globally
б	and America's economy and health care sector.
7	Intellectual property protections
8	fuel investment in America's biopharmaceutical
9	research and manufacturing sector, thereby
10	permitting our companies to play a critical
11	role in the nation's economic recovery.
12	Our industry supports 3.1 million
13	American jobs, 650,000 directly. At the same
14	time, our industry continues to be a core
15	driver of U.S. exports. These jobs and
16	exports exist for one reason. Our companies'
17	invested in developing new medicines in the
18	United States.
19	These benefits to our health care
20	system and economy exist in large part because
21	the United States respects intellectual
22	property and the Special 301 process helps

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1	encourage our trading partners to both respect
2	the value of intellectual property and to live
3	up to their trade obligations.
4	Review of PhRMA's individual
5	country submissions demonstrates that many
6	countries have failed to meet their
7	obligations. The actual protection and
8	enforcement of the intellectual property
9	rights of these countries falls far short of
10	the standards contained in the WTO agreement
11	on trade-related aspects of intellectual
12	property rights, as well as obligations under
13	several U.S. free trade agreements.
14	In order to facilitate the
15	protection of rights of U.S. businesses and
16	foreign markets and foster innovative cures
17	for the world's patients, we recommend that
18	the United States first, reduce the number of
19	U.S. trading partners that fail to enforce IP
20	rights.
21	Second, assist countries to fully
22	implement and enforce international IP

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1	obligations.
2	Third, advocate at international
3	organizations to defend and strengthen IP
4	rights.
5	And finally, engage on foreign
6	government price controls and cost containment
7	measures that undermine IP and impede market
8	access.
9	In closing, I would stress that we
10	cannot continue innovation and progress in the
11	medical sciences without strong enforcement of
12	intellectual property rights.
13	Today we have a long history of
14	securing appropriate protection for innovation
15	and intellectual property.
16	America's patients and economy are
17	better for it, and in order to secure these
18	benefits for the future, we must remain strong
19	and steadfast in our protection of
20	intellectual property.
21	Thanks. That was our opening
22	remarks. I'll now turn to the pricing

Page 111 1 reimbursement question, Stanley, that you 2 posed at the beginning. We have raised pricing and 3 reimbursement issues over the years in our 4 5 Special 301 Reporting, and consider that those issues fall squarely within the statutory 6 7 mandate of the Special 301 process. 8 In fact, if you look at the 9 language of the statute -- give me one second. Section 301-D3-F2 of the Trade Act of 1974 10 expressly includes restrictions on market 11 12 access related to the use, exploitation or enjoyment of commercial benefits derived from 13 14 exercising intellectual property rights. As our industry tackles many, many 15 16 cost containment measures around the globe, we find ourselves caught in a situation where, 17 18 due to issues like therapeutic reference 19 pricing, international reference pricing, our 20 prices are falling generally, particularly as 21 they get lumped in the baskets with generic 22 products, and this essentially devalues the

Page 112 intellectual property that our companies have 1 2 invested in these products. I think we all know that generic 3 products would not exist without the 4 5 innovative products that preceded them, and the notion that our products, when they are --6 7 you know, make it overseas, are then finding 8 themselves in these situations where companies 9 are no longer able to reap the benefit, recoup the large investment cost that goes into 10 developing these products. 11 12 It creates a situation that we feel fits squarely within Special 301, and the 13 14 process that this committee oversees. Yes, I think, as all of you may be 15 16 aware, the average cost of developing an innovative pharmaceutical is about \$1.3 17 18 billion. Only one product makes it through 19 out of several tens of thousands of products 20 at the outset of development. 21 And so, what you end up with at 22 the end of the day is a very important product

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1	to our members, very important product to the
2	world's patients, and this notion of pricing
3	reimbursement and cost containment overseas is
4	a real threat to those products, and it does
5	truly undermine the value of IP.
6	Now, in terms of the comment about
7	Medicaid programs and pricing and
8	reimbursement of what the U.S. Government is
9	doing as it looks forward to the Trans-Pacific
10	Partnership and other agreements, as the panel
11	is probably well-aware, both the Australia and
12	Korea FTA' squarely, expressly separated out
13	anything other than central government pricing
14	program in a footnote in the pharmaceutical
15	chapter.
16	And, in fact, in Korea this was
17	even made more expressed by noting that
18	Medicaid was not a central government program,
19	making clear that those agreements in no way
20	intended to encompass Medical programs, I
21	think, discussed by one of the previous
22	speakers.

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1	So, I think there is a threshold
2	matter. You have a very clear expression that
3	those programs are not included in that
4	discussion.
5	Secondly, when you deal with
6	Medicaid, you are dealing with a very small
7	population in the United States, as opposed to
8	the systems we face as an industry, which are
9	government-wide.
10	The governments tend to be our
11	single payer. They are our single customer,
12	and these systems affect the entire
13	population, the entire market for our
14	companies as they look overseas.
15	So, when you compare the
16	magnitude, the scope of Medicaid to these
17	giant programs that dictate market access for
18	our companies globally, it is a very
19	imbalanced comparison.
20	But I think more of a threshold
21	issue, Medicaid simply is not included in
22	USFTA's to date and, clearly, that would be

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1	the case going forward with the TPP.
2	Sorry. I'd be happy to answer any
3	other questions.
4	MR. McCOY: Well, just bringing it
5	back to the how this translates into the
6	Special 301 Report, then I take it, from
7	having looked at your submission and the
8	recommendations in there that you think we
9	should expand our listing of countries for the
10	pricing and reimbursement reasons?
11	MR. TAYLOR: Yes. I think the
12	pricing/reimbursement fits squarely within the
13	statutory mandate of 301 insofar as for
14	industries like ours that rely so heavily on
15	intellectual property, when you have a single
16	payer system that is devaluing that
17	intellectual property, that ultimately comes
18	back to roost here in the United States with
19	our companies and the investments that they're
20	making in the products.
21	MR. McCOY: Okay. Thanks very
22	much for your remarks. I was going to tell

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1	you you have about a minute left, but if you
2	are done, there's no need for us to use the
3	time.
4	MR. TAYLOR: Thanks very much to
5	all of you.
6	MR. McCOY: Thanks very much for
7	joining us today. We are delighted you were
8	able to join us and share some of your views
9	and elaborate some on your written
10	submissions.
11	Thanks, Jay.
12	Next we have Health Global Access
13	Project. It is Matt Kavanaugh. Are you here?
14	(No response.)
15	MR. McCOY: Public Knowledge? Do
16	we have Public Knowledge here?
17	You are actually welcome. I mean,
18	I remember last year that we had a little
19	colloquy about specific countries and our
20	concern there, so I won't reiterate at great
21	length except to say that it is, again, the
22	mission of this panel to look at sort of

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1	country-by-country issues and, to the extent
2	you can identify ways to help us with that,
3	that's probably of the greatest assistance to
4	us.
5	MS. RANGNATH: Right. Let me
6	start by answering that question.
7	First of all, thank you for
8	inviting me to testify here and we appreciate
9	the
10	MR. McCOY: Thank you for coming.
11	MS. RANGNATH: So, the point about
12	country-by-country reports, the point of our
13	testimony is to provide input from the public
14	interest perspective about how country-by-
15	country comments provided by rightsholder
16	groups should be evaluated.
17	We think that taking our
18	perspective is important as the USTR looks at
19	comments provided by rightsholder groups. So,
20	that is the context in which we are providing
21	comments.
22	So, although we don't identify

Page 118 particular countries, we feel like when you 1 2 evaluate particular countries for their --3 under the report, you need to look at making sure that values that are held within the 4 5 United States copyright system are reflective within the report, as well as the need to 6 7 ensure that developmental needs of countries and the need for balance within intellectual 8 property laws are taken into account as you 9 evaluate countries. 10 So, that is the angle from which 11 12 So, with that, I am going to deliver we come. my prepared comments and look forward to your 13 14 questions. So, the Special 301 Review process 15 16 is a powerful tool to ensure protection for 17 the U.S. intellectual property interests. We 18 urge the USTR to use this tool to secure trade 19 interests of all U.S. constituencies and not 20 merely and narrow set of stakeholders. 21 For instance, the past few years 22 have seen an increasing correlation between

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1	the USTR determinations and IIPA requests,
2	escalating from 83 percent in 2007 to 91
3	percent last year.
4	In doing so, the USTR, we think,
5	has ignored the interests of internet and
б	consumer electronic industries. In addition,
7	we urge the USTR not to cause countries to
8	provide for IP protections beyond the
9	requirements of their international
10	obligations.
11	To the extent that the USTR seeks
12	changes to domestic policies of other
13	countries, the agency should do so through
14	diplomatic engagements rather than trade
15	pressures.
16	This approach would foster better
17	economic ties with U.S. trading partners. In
18	order to secure these objectives, the USTR
19	should, first, be mindful of the importance of
20	a balanced copyright regime in protecting the
21	interests of IP owners and users.
22	Second, not use the Special 301

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1	process as a means to cause countries to
2	accede to or implement treaties such as the
3	anticounterfeiting trade agreement.
4	Third, introduce greater
5	transparency into the review process. A
6	balanced copyright system that secures rights
7	for the benefit of owners and limitations and
8	exceptions for the benefit of users has been
9	the hallmark of U.S. copyright law.
10	This balance has fostered the
11	development of creative industries such as
12	film making as well as innovative industries
13	such as the internet and consumer electronics
14	industries.
15	These industries rely on copyright
16	limitations and exceptions to make and market
17	their products and services in this country
18	and abroad.
19	Absence of this balance in other
20	countries would harm the ability of these
21	industries to export their products.
22	Therefore, we urge you not to be

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1	swayed by rightsholders' assertions that
2	limitations and exceptions in foreign/domestic
3	laws amount to a denial of IP protection.
4	Such assertions are neither
5	consistent with the U.S. copyright law, nor
6	required by the Trade Act.
7	Countries should not be forced to
8	accede to treaties such as the WIPO internet
9	treaties and the anticounterfeiting trade
10	agreement.
11	As we stated in testimony last
12	year, countries may not accede to certain
13	treaties out of concern that their provisions
14	would not be conducive to national interests.
15	For example, in 2009 comments,
16	Israel questioned the relevance of
17	technological protection measures in copyright
18	and, therefore, decided not to accede to the
19	WIPO treaties.
20	Similarly, developing countries
21	may consider ACTA provisions burdensome. For
22	example, they may find ACTA's enforcement

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1	obligations too onerous on their limited
2	resources.
3	Decisions not to accede to
4	particular treaties are the prerogative of
5	sovereign nations and must be respected.
б	If the USTR deems particular
7	policies of countries inconsistent with those
8	countries' international obligations, it
9	should engage with those countries
10	diplomatically.
11	This approach is particularly
12	prudent in today's world where emerging
13	economies are growing in strength and offer
14	attractive market access opportunities for
15	U.S. producers.
16	Pressuring these countries to
17	adopt particular IP provisions may push them
18	to refuse to engage in trade with the United
19	States.
20	The Special 301 Review process
21	should be transparent. As we stated last
22	year, the evaluation criteria used to list

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1	countries on the priority watch list and watch
2	list are vague.
3	Often reports have contained
4	general statements such as the need to improve
5	enforcement without further explanation of
6	what that means. A clearer understanding as
7	to why a country is cited can only be obtained
8	by reference to the rightsholders' submissions
9	which often complain against countries for
10	including copyright limitations and exceptions
11	within their laws.
12	In addition, the Special 301
13	Report seems to rely on rightsholder
14	assertions on unverified rightsholder
15	assertions and discredited methods of
16	estimating losses, caused by intellectual
17	property infringement.
18	In order to address these
19	shortcomings, we renew our calls to the USTR
20	to, one, make transparent the set of factors
21	it uses for evaluating countries in each U.S.
22	Special 301 Report, provide a clear written

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1	explanation stating the basis for
2	identification of a country in the Special 301
3	report and placement on watch list or priority
4	watch list or for an out-of-cycle review and,
5	finally, arrange for independent, external
6	verification of country data and statistics
7	submitted by rightsholders before making
8	factual determinations based upon it.
9	Thank you, and I look forward to
10	your questions.
11	MR. McCOY: Thank you, Rashmi.
12	You know, we did wrestle a bit
13	with this question that you and others had
14	posed last year of the desire to understand
15	the criteria for placement as we work within
16	the statutory mandate given to us by Congress
17	and that mandate is what it is, and we but
18	we do want to try to be clear and transparent
19	in expressing the concerns of the U.S.
20	Government through this process.
21	In an effort to shed some light on
22	this question, we included in the 2010 Special

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1	301 Report, on page two, a section on country
2	placement that elaborates a bit on the Special
3	301 decisionmaking process.
4	I'm sure it doesn't answer all of
5	the questions that you've posed, but I'd be
6	interested, either now if you have immediate
7	thoughts, or in some posthearing interactions
8	and your thoughts about that explanation.
9	MS. RANGNATH: Well, the Trade Act
10	calls for the USTR to identify countries that
11	deny adequate and effective protection of
12	intellectual property rights. Those are broad
13	criteria.
14	And within those broad criteria,
15	what particular issues do you look at? For
16	example rightsholders' submissions have
17	complained about, say, not signing onto the
18	WIPO Treaties, and when countries do sign onto
19	the WIPO Treaties, there are proposed law
20	amendments to bring them into compliance with
21	WIPO Treaties not going far enough.
22	For example, I think this year's

Page 126 1 submission, and even last year's, complaints 2 about proposed law amendments in India that says that the technological protection 3 measures provisions are not sufficient because 4 5 they allow for circumvention to accommodate 6 for lawful users. 7 Now, when the report comes out it 8 says India is placed on priority watch list 9 because, among others, you need to improve enforcement. 10 What does that mean? 11 Does it mean 12 that you have considered those law amendment provisions adequate or inadequate? 13 Does that factor into the decisionmaking process? 14 Things like that are useful for 15 civil society and, for the countries 16 themselves, it signals how agencies of the 17 18 United States Government are thinking about 19 copyright policies and we also urge you that 20 while you are making these decisions you have 21 to be aware of balancing provisions within 22 U.S. law. So, that's -- right.

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1	MR. McCOY: In that same spirit,
2	Rashmi, we would be interested in any examples
3	that you would care to provide, either now or
4	in a follow-up submission of where the Special
5	301 Report has treated the existence of a
6	limitation and exception in foreign copyright
7	law as a trade barrier.
8	MS. RANGNATH: I will thank you
9	for providing the opportunity for posthearing,
10	and we will try to see if we can sift through
11	that.
12	But, the point is that the report
13	does not specify a lot, so it is hard to find
14	those places where you've actually said that
15	a limitation and exception is a trade barrier.
16	The point is that there is not a
17	lot of explanation about what factors about
18	what complaints of the rightsholders have you
19	taken into account versus what you have not.
20	For example, agencies like the
21	Federal Communications Commission, when they
22	give their report and order lists the

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1	discussion, this public comments, list what
2	comments they took into account and what they
3	did not and why they came arrived at a
4	particular response at a particular decision.
5	Something like that that
б	highlights "This complaint is valid, and this
7	is why we think adequate enforcement is
8	lacking," is important.
9	So, to look for specific examples
10	where the USTR has cited a country for lack of
11	limitations and exceptions might be hard
12	because they are not cited. They should be.
13	MR. McCOY: Okay. Thanks very
14	much for your input.
15	We have now reached noon, and it
16	is time for us to take our one-hour lunch
17	break. What I would propose at this point is
18	that we start again after lunch and we pick
19	up, if the representative of Health Global
20	Access Project is available, then we can slot
21	that presentation back in, but otherwise, we
22	will pick up with Knowledge Ecology

Page 129 International after lunch. 1 2 MS. RANGNATH: Thank you so much 3 for having me. 4 MR. McCOY: Thank you very much 5 for joining us. (Whereupon, the meeting recessed 6 7 for lunch at 12:02 p.m. until 1:04 p.m.) 8 MR. McCOY: All right. If we are 9 all ready, should we get started? 10 I think our first presentation of the afternoon comes from Knowledge Ecology 11 12 International. 13 Mr. Love, do you want to step up. 14 Thanks for joining us today. I don't know if you were here for the intro, but rather than 15 interrupt you at five minutes and do 16 questions, which some of the participants 17 found a little artificial last year, we have 18 19 just been letting people know up-front what 20 the questions are, if any, and letting them 21 use the whole ten minutes and speak to 22 questions as they like, and we will interrupt

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1	if there are questions that come up during the
2	presentation, but I think most of the back-
3	and-forth this morning went pretty smoothly.
4	In regards to the information that
5	you've provided, I think probably the most
6	pertinent thing I mentioned earlier was that
7	we are, of course, always most interested in
8	country-by-country information or criticism,
9	since that's a particular focus of this
10	review.
11	So, you know, if there are
12	particular statements about particular
13	countries that are incorrect or need further
14	explanation, we are always happy to look at
15	that.
16	But, the floor is yours for ten
17	minutes. Thanks very much.
18	MR. LOVE: Thank you. And before
19	I launch into bitter criticism of U.S. trade
20	policy, I'd like to stop by complimenting
21	USTR, in general, and Stan, in particular, for
22	being so accessible to us over the last

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1	well, the entire time that Stan's been working
2	for USTR, and compares very favorably, in our
3	opinion, to lots of dealings we have with
4	other agencies and I just want to make sure
5	that he understands that we are grateful for
б	that.
7	Now, I will shift to the other
8	gear.
9	MR. McCOY: Thanks. You can skip
10	the bitter criticism, though. We just did ten
11	minutes of that.
12	MR. LOVE: All right. Okay.
13	Well, you know, one thing we had in our
14	comments is that we noticed in some areas that
15	the 301 list over the years has had areas
16	where it doesn't seem to be about the
17	enforcement or even protection of core U.S.
18	interests, but it sort of seems to be
19	overreaching about trying to promote certain
20	policies.
21	One is the term extension on
22	copyrights, just as an example. I can't

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1	imagine that the U.S. is well-served by an
2	endless copyright term, and it has created all
3	kinds of problems about access to orphan works
4	and things like that, and it doesn't really
5	benefit anyone that's alive, obviously.
б	And so, it is weird for us to see
7	things like that in the 301 list. I just
8	don't think it belongs there. You have bigger
9	fish to fry than trying to get 95 years of
10	protection for some dead artist or something.
11	I just think that maybe you should, you know,
12	prioritize that.
13	The other thing is that there was
14	this reference in last year's list to heat
15	patents in India on heat stabilized drug and
16	as if it was a bad thing that India wasn't
17	granting any patents on processes that relieve
18	the heat stabilization of medicines.
19	And I would have to say that
20	getting appropriate delivery mechanisms on
21	cheap generic drugs in developing countries is
22	a super high priority for people that deal

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1	with public health problems in developing
2	countries.
3	A lot of places, as you know, and
4	is actually mentioned in the 301 list don't
5	have refrigeration goods -
б	The U.S. claims to be very
7	concerned about the quality and safety of
8	drugs, so I think you should recheck the idea
9	that, you know, that you want to have super
10	strong patent protection on things that make
11	drugs more safe.
12	MR. McCOY: Can I interrupt you on
13	that one for a second?
14	MR. LOVE: Yes. Yes, sir.
15	MR. McCOY: If I'm remembering
16	correctly, the reference in the report was to
17	sort of point out that it might be desirable
18	to provide an incentive to invent not only
19	things that, you know, enhance the efficacy of
20	the compound, but also to provide incentives
21	for inventions that might serve the needs of
22	developing countries, such as temperature

1 stabilization. 2 I think that is wrong, MR. LOVE: and I think that it is -- yes, there is an 3 incentive effect of providing strong patent 4 5 protection on heat-stabilized formula in 6 Bangladesh and Indian and Nepal and Thailand 7 and places like that. 8 I don't think it is a very 9 significant incentive, and I think that the 10 harm you have from creating problems -- the first time you ran across this was the area of 11 12 DDI when Bristol-Myers got a patent in Thailand on the enteric coating of DDI that 13 14 wasn't even granted in the United States. 15 And, as a result of the patent, 16 you know, the government there dispensing DDI 17 in powder form, so you can imagine in Thailand 18 every day AIDS patients taking DDI in a powder 19 form and then mixing it before they take it, 20 as opposed to taking it -- enteric coatings, 21 like when you go to a drug store and you get 22 like a nice coating on an ibuprofen or

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1	something like that, which is how it is taken
2	in the United States, I just thought that was
3	really a bad outcome.
4	And most people involved in
5	treatment thought it lowered the compliance
6	and led to bad health outcomes.
7	So, this is like not a minor
8	issue. It can't be a core U.S. interest to
9	promote strong IPR protection on heat-
10	stabilized drugs and, you know, you should
11	think about that.
12	Another thing is, on data
13	exclusivity, we raised the issue of what
14	happens in some countries, because they get
15	sort of pressured into having exclusive rights
16	on data exclusivity, they don't even have
17	compulsory license on data protection, whereas
18	they have on patents.
19	So, data becomes like a stronger
20	form of IP protection than a patent does. So,
21	one way countries have done it is the data
22	protection is related to drug registration.

Page 136 So, what some countries do, they 1 2 actually just don't even bother to register the drugs, or they claim they are on a 3 clinical trial or something like so they 4 5 basically kind of route around a policy 6 because they wan access to cheap generic AIDS 7 drugs where they may be able to resolve the 8 patent issue, but they can't resolve the data 9 issue. 10 I just think that's really not 11 what you want. I don't think because you are 12 -- you know, you say you care about the safety 13 of drugs. You don't want people bypassing 14 drug regulatory. If anything, you want to have stronger regulatory things in place that 15 16 people actually use and respect. 17 I wanted to make a point, that really cover our comments, but that's not --18 19 the relationship between a democracy uprising 20 throughout the world and access to 21 information, in general, I think a lot of 22 what's been shocking and surprising in a very

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1	pleasant way, this absolute great awaking
2	about democracy that's taking place in so many
3	countries right now is people have access to
4	information.
5	They have access to Facebook, to
б	Twitter, but you know, basically the, you
7	know, the internet, they're sharing
8	information, and the reaction of the
9	governments to these things has been to short
10	of shut down the internet, and to do these
11	things of surveillance and, you know, kind of
12	police state things.
13	So, a lot of these technologies
14	are running parallel with what the copyright
15	industry is doing on protecting copyright.
16	So, I just think what you need to
17	do I don't think there's anything you need
18	to do to protect copyright owners. It can be
19	done with more sensitivity to the effect of
20	repression and surveillance by dictators and
21	things like that.
22	So, I just think, as your work

Page 138 1 program going forward, you may want to at 2 least have somebody take a look at this issue and see if there's sort of least restrictive 3 in terms of the dictator route that can be 4 5 done in terms of your enforcement things as it relates to the internet. 6 7 And also, recognizing that 8 sometimes some of these personal affair use 9 things result in very big political changes which are in the United States' interest and 10 reflect our values. 11 12 On the issue of data, I think there that the issue for us is, in addition to 13 14 being super strong, there's this ethical problem on clinical trials. It has been 15 16 addressed in the WHO global strategy. 17 There's a -- there was a bill 18 introduced in the Congress last year that will 19 be reintroduced this year. You may think, 20 well, it is not a lot. It's just a bill and 21 things like that, but I predict that, as has 22 happened in Europe on the area of the animal

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1	testing, where now animal, you cannot
2	duplicate trials on animals because the animal
3	rights lobbyists succeeded in changing that
4	and the EU is putting this into a trade
5	agreement with respect to animal testing.
6	As relating to Canada, that human
7	beings will start to achieve some of the same
8	rights that animal have in testing in the
9	United States and Europe, and I think, just
10	looking forward, you should think about
11	alternatives to exclusive rights and still
12	protect legitimate interests of people that
13	invest tens of billions of dollars in clinical
14	trials, because I think they have legitimate
15	interests, I just don't think that exclusive
16	rights is the only way you can protect those
17	rights.
18	The last thing I'm going to say
19	right now is that if this becomes the best
20	practices about the way to design the list,
21	what we recommend is that you have a cutoff
22	for countries based on their per capita income

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1	where you don't really hassle them on the IPR
2	issues as it relates to medicine and that it
3	be some objective standard.
4	We thought, okay, if the United
5	States makes four or five times as much money
б	per capita as a developing country, I think
7	you should leave them alone on the medicines
8	issue.
9	If they go past that threshold,
10	you know, I think they should participate more
11	fully in the system of rewards for people that
12	develop new drugs.
13	But I think you should sort of
14	deal with that, and it is not just whether or
15	not you like China or you like India or
16	whatever, I think what you should really be
17	focusing on is the per capita income of the
18	country.
19	Or, you could also look at a
20	metric like the percentage of the population
21	that lives at less than two dollars a day or
22	something like that. I mean, just sort of

Page 141 drive into the process. 1 2 The LDC definition, which the U.S. 3 tariffs used in the past was welcome, but it's kind of limited. As you know, it doesn't 4 5 cover countries like Kenya or most of -- you know, a fair amount of Africa is not covered 6 7 by that definition. 8 Only one country in the Western 9 Hemisphere is covered by that definition. 10 Haiti. And, you know, it's a fairly limited thing, and I think it's also a fairly 11 12 political definition in itself. That concludes my oral testimony. 13 14 MR. McCOY: I was about to say 15 you've got about a minute left, so your timing 16 is good. 17 David's just pointing out to me 18 that we are not aware that we have any 19 submissions this year nominating Sub-Saharan 20 African countries for consideration for the 21 list. I'm not aware that we have had Sub-22 Saharan African countries on the list in the

Page 142 1 last couple of years. 2 That is not to say that, you know, that's not to say that's hard and fast, but --3 4 MR. LOVE: Appreciate that. 5 MR. McCOY: Yes, go ahead, David. MR. DRINKARD: That is not to say 6 7 that there aren't any IP issues in Africa, and 8 the embassy in Kenya has been actually involved in combating counterfeit 9 10 pharmaceuticals as well as establishing an IP working group. 11 12 And there is an IPR working group at the embassy in Legos as well that's 13 14 focusing on not only counterfeit pharmaceuticals, but other IP issues within 15 16 the country. 17 So, the embassies are engaged on these issues within Sub-Saharan Africa, even 18 19 though there aren't any submissions against 20 them, but we don't have any nominations for 21 Africa. 22 As you know, there's MR. LOVE:

Page 143 1 quite a bit of controversy over the Kenya 2 counterfeit legislation, as being --MR. DRINKARD: Our efforts have 3 4 been around public awareness. 5 MR. LOVE: Thank you. MR. McCOY: Thanks, James. 6 7 MR. LOVE: Thank you very much. 8 MR. McCOY: The next on our list 9 is Doctors Without Borders. Medecins Sans Frontieres. 10 MS. DREOS (phonetic): Thank you 11 12 so much. Merci beaucoup. My name is Judy Dreos (phonetic), and I am the U.S. manager of 13 14 the Access to Medicines Campaign of Doctors without Borders. 15 I would like, before my 16 intervention today, I would like to just make 17 sure that I'm mistaken, but I believe there is 18 19 nobody representing DHHS at this hearing 20 today. 21 MR. McCOY: I am not aware that 22 there is. They are participants in the

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1	Special 301 and the Trade Policy Staff
2	Committee process that makes these decisions.
3	MS. DREOS (phonetic): I just
4	would like to reiterate, for a second year we
5	have a public hearing. We welcome the public
6	hearing, but we regret that DHHS is not
7	attending the meeting, as a medical
8	organization within DHHS should be listening
9	to what we have to say and what others have to
10	say so we will basically reiterate our
11	emphasis that DHHS should be sent should
12	receive a copy of this testimony, but also
13	should participate in further meetings.
14	And now I will start my
15	intervention. Thank you for this opportunity
16	to speak about the 2011 Special 301 Review
17	Process.
18	Medecins Sans Frontieres, Doctors
19	Without Borders is an independent
20	international medical humanitarian
21	organization that delivers medical care to
22	patients in over 60 countries.

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1	Our projects focus on the medical
2	needs of poor people living in developing
3	countries where medical needs are often the
4	most neglected.
5	We seek increased access to
б	affordable live-saving medicines, vaccines and
7	diagnostic tools in developing countries and
8	to stimulate the development of urgently-
9	needed better tools for our field teams and
10	the people in countries where MSF works.
11	Patients in developing countries
12	are denied access to medicines, vaccines and
13	diagnostic tools either because they do not
14	exist to the inadequate incentives for the
15	development of appropriate and effective
16	tools, like tools for neglected tropical
17	diseases, or because they exist but are not
18	available in the countries due in part to
19	intellectual property barriers and high cost.
20	Through the release of the Special
21	301 Watch List every year, the U.S. Government
22	is trying to drive countries to implement

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1	their governments or they cannot afford them.
2	It has also shown the benefits
3	that generic competition can have on the cost
4	of treatment. Today five million people are
5	on antiviral biotherapy. This is only
6	possible because generic competition costs are
7	not first-line direct prices to reduce from
8	around 10,000 U.S. Dollars to under 80 U.S.
9	Dollars today.
10	MSF could not provide treatment to
11	160,000 people in more than 30 countries
12	without generic competition. The U.S.
13	Government has also acknowledged the
14	significance of generic competition in its
15	global AIDS contributions.
16	PEPFAR, for example, has reported
17	savings of up to 90 percent through the
18	purchase of generic medicines.
19	Alongside the tremendous progress
20	in AIDS treatment it remains a tremendous
21	need. Ten million people more are in
22	immediate need of treatment and increasingly

Page 148 patients will need to switch to newer drugs to 1 2 ensure their long-term survival. MSF data shows how this will 3 4 impact the cost of treatment programs. The 5 WHO recommended second-line treatment is around 4.4 times more expensive than the most 6 7 affordable front-line regimes, and extended third-line regimes are estimated to cost about 8 9 2,200 U.S. Dollars for one-year treatment. 10 That cost will increasingly limit patients' treatment options unless there are 11 12 important price reductions of the kind seen through generic competition. 13 14 HIV-AIDS also serves as an example of the persistent and increasingly barriers to 15 medicines access enforced by heightened IP 16 17 measures. The USTR continues to undermine 18 19 both PEPFAR and the Global Fund and treatment 20 providers such as MSF by threatening trade 21 repercussions against countries that use the 22 flexibilities in international trade law that

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1	all for generic competition to continue.
2	In our 2011 submission we have
3	highlighted the importance of the following
4	three flexibilities, the rights to developing
5	countries to define patentability criterias,
6	the issue of compulsory license, the right to
7	define the protection provisions and the right
8	to define enforcement regimes.
9	We provide examples of Brazil,
10	India and Thailand as developing countries
11	that were included in the 2010 Special 301
12	Report for using these flexibilities. Using
13	data exclusivity.
14	This is one of the most burdensome
15	TRIPS-plus provisions because it creates a
16	parallel monopoly with incremental effects in
17	generic competition and ethical implications
18	to repeat clinical trials, that recently the
19	Obama Administration recognized the effect of
20	the exclusivity on the cost of health care and
21	included a proposal in its 2012 budget to
22	reduce the damage of the exclusivity for

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1	biologic projects and increased competition in
2	the U.S. market.
3	The announcement for the
4	prospective savings of 11 billions over the
5	next ten years for the U.S. Government.
6	I have a point on also on
7	patentability criteria. We are especially
8	concerned also as Knowledge Ecology
9	International, with a reference including the
10	2010 Special Report to produce stable forms of
11	drugs or new means of drug delivery in
12	reference to Section 3-D.
13	In our 2011 submission we have
14	highlighted also the importance of the
15	Brazilian and (IATA) area that has given a
16	role to the National Health Surveillance
17	Agency and Visa in the review of
18	pharmaceutical patent applications to have
19	determined whether patentability criterias are
20	met.
21	Public health implications and
22	access cost, monopoly protection in developing

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1	countries be preserved and reserved only to
2	truly innovative products, and the ministers
3	of health are given a say in the review of the
4	patentability criterias.
5	It is also important that
б	developing countries rights to ensure and to
7	issue compulsory license and to define the
8	appropriate levels of performance, enforcement
9	are respected.
10	Today, more than 3,000 people
11	living with HIV-AIDS from all over Asia have
12	rallied in India alongside the United Nations
13	Special Rapporteur for the right to health, to
14	protest TRIPS-plus measures that have been
15	included in a trade agreement negotiated
16	between the India and the European Commission.
17	If some of the provisions in the
18	agreement go forward, India's capacity to
19	remain the pharmacy of the world will be in
20	danger.
21	With this testimony we join in
22	solidarity with the protestors in India and we
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1	urge the U.S. Government not to ignore their
2	voices by pushing for similar standards.
3	The United States demands not only
4	directly undermine the commitment made by the
5	U.S. Government under the Doha Declaration and
6	TRIPS Agreement on public health. Under WHO
7	global strategy and plan of action on public
8	health innovation and intellectual property,
9	but they create a fundamental contradiction
10	between U.S. trade policy and the U.S.
11	Government commitment and priorities on global
12	health and development.
13	We urge USTR to align themselves
14	with better access to medicines policies
15	pursued by the U.S. Government. For example,
16	during the January 2011 Executive Board of the
17	World Health Organization, the U.S. Government
18	made a very strong statement in support of
19	generic competition to lower the price of HIV-
20	AIDS treatment in developing countries,
21	recognizing the pharmaceutical price discounts
22	do not always have as much an impact on

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1	bringing prices down as robust generic
2	competition does.
3	It urged companies to join the
4	recently created Medicines Patent Pool in
5	order to increase generic competition for
6	newer HIV-AIDS drugs.
7	The U.S. presents a Special 301
8	process a tool to protect innovation. MSF
9	recognized the importance of innovations and
10	the need to finance research and development.
11	We are a humanitarian medical
12	organization that needs and welcomes
13	biomedical innovation to better treat our
14	patients by seeking greater and higher
15	intellectual property norms in developing
16	countries, however, the U.S. Government,
17	through USTR is perpetuating a business model
18	that links innovation cost to high prices, and
19	that's not addressed the innovation needs of
20	developing countries.
21	There are better and newer ways
22	the U.S. Government could protect and promote

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1	innovation and they are currently being
2	piloted and under discussion at the World
3	Health Organization and other forums, ways
4	that could combine innovation and access by
5	the linking the cost of research and
6	development from the prices of the products.
7	The Special 301 Report must no
8	longer be used to incorporate TRIPS-plus
9	measures to not require by international law.
10	The Special 301 Report must no longer threaten
11	developing countries for acting within their
12	legal rights to ensure access to medicines for
13	the populations.
14	Rather than using the Special 301
15	Report will not unilaterally impose a
16	heightened IP regime on developing countries.
17	The U.S. Government should lose its law,
18	policies and financial resources to ensure the
19	research and development, and encourage
20	innovation and to ensure sustainability,
21	access to medicines for all.
22	Thank you.

Page 155 MR. McCOY: Thanks very much. 1 Ι 2 don't know if you were here. I had this backand-forth with James already about something 3 that came up in your submission as well which 4 5 was this idea of Section 3-D of the Indian Patent Law and I want to thank you for citing 6 7 particular examples in the report of language 8 that troubled you, rather than just 9 generalities. 10 I think, you know, -- I think in your submission you mentioned that -- that the 11 12 U.S. Government was encouraging the patentability of known practices. I think if 13 14 that was the impression that was given, that was certainly not the intention. 15 16 The U.S. Government supports the 17 international standard of patentability, 18 including the requirement of novelty. 19 I think the point that we were 20 trying to make in the report at a point -- I'm 21 getting to a question here. I promise. Its 22 point -- a point that I'm wondering if you

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1	have concerns about is that if the patent
2	system is there to incentivise innovation,
3	shouldn't it also incentivise innovations that
4	would that would help to address concerns
5	that affect drug delivery, in particular,
6	relating to problems of developing countries.
7	Now, we can always debate whether
8	a particular invention meets the test of being
9	truly inventive or not, but as a general
10	matter, I mean, do you have a do you have
11	a view on that, and I ask that because it
12	might help us to better articulate that point
13	in the future.
14	MS. DREOS (phonetic): Yes, just
15	before I try to answer your question and I
16	will be happy to further answer your question
17	in writing if that's useful.
18	When you talk about generalities,
19	yes, we tried very hard in our submission to
20	be very specific and to give you language,
21	wherever we find it's very problematic, but I
22	have to be honest with you, it's been very,

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1	very challenging because we find the Special
2	301 list to be full of generalities, and to be
3	very lacking of specificity.
4	So, I will encourage you as a best
5	practice in next year to be much more specific
6	what you mean and what you want from countries
7	when you are citing them.
8	On the patentability criterias,
9	the language is completely unclear and very
10	general, but even in compulsory license, when
11	you are criticizing Thailand and without
12	saying it, for using compulsory license, and
13	you are asking Thailand the Thailand
14	government to incorporate pharmaceutical
15	companies, you seem to be asking Thailand
16	government to incorporate pharmaceutical
17	companies and their deliberation process in
18	compulsory license.
19	If that's not the case we will
20	appreciate it if you were very clear on what
21	you mean when you are putting countries in the
22	lease and what ask, because it's challenging

Page 158 1 for us to respond if not. 2 And on your specific question, I completely agree with the James Love from KI 3 has responded. I think we basically will --4 5 would like to make the point that he has made. 6 For us, as I explained in my 7 testimony and in my oral submission and in my written submission is that we believe that 8 9 intellectual property right systems has a role 10 to play to protect innovation with a balance and within context. 11 12 We don't believe that pushing 13 countries like India to protect the patents, 14 products like heat-stabilized products and new 15 means of delivery. They are not genuine 16 innovation because they don't really have a therapeutic benefit. They have a -- they 17 18 basically have improvement and they facilitate 19 the treatment of our patients, but we don't 20 believe this is the kind of innovation --21 MR. McCOY: That was my question. 22 I think you've answered it.

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1	MS. DREOS (phonetic): Okay.
2	MR. McCOY: You don't think
3	inventions should be patentable just because
4	they're they don't have
5	MS. DREOS (phonetic): If they
6	don't have a genuine therapeutic benefit, no.
7	MR. McCOY: So, if it's an
8	invention of, you know, that avoids the need
9	for that helps to, you know, deliver the
10	drug in the body or or, you know, make it
11	heat-stabilized or whatever the case might be,
12	you don't think
13	MS. DREOS (phonetic): I think you
14	have to differentiate between the needs of
15	incentives and the need to patent that
16	incentive, that invention. I mean, you could
17	think of an incentive to the to innovate in
18	that direction, but I don't think that's
19	necessarily linked to a need for a patent on
20	that invention.
21	You can think about other kind of
22	incentives that don't create a monopoly.

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MR. McCOY: We are over time.
That's my fault. Thank you very much for
joining us. Thank you for all the good work
of MSF around the world.
Social Science Research Council.
Okay.
MR. KARAGANIS: Thank you for
giving me the opportunity to address you
today. Just to preface, I want to say a
couple of words about procedural reform of the
Special 301 process, this is a subject we
addressed in more lengthy comments last year
and just repeated briefly in this year's
submission, and then talk a little bit about
the organization of software markets and the
role of piracy within them because software
losses are something that are referred to
repeatedly in the Special 301 Reports over the
years, and there have been some fairly
significant changes in how the industry
describes losses and these should be
incorporated into future 301 Report, and we

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1	think have implications for how the Special
2	301 Report handles questions of software
3	enforcement.
4	We think there's a need for, you
5	know, brighter lines around the kinds of
6	requests that Special 301 places on other
7	countries with respect to software
8	enforcement.
9	And also by way of preface, I just
10	want to note that when I was up here last year
11	I said that we had a report that was almost
12	ready to come out. This year it is still
13	almost ready, but much closer, as you can see.
14	This is a proofer copy. There
15	will be the full launch of the report will
16	take place on Monday of next week. I wish I
17	had had copies for all of you today but, in
18	any event, most of my remarks today and in
19	previous comments are backed by work that we
20	have done over the last four years and now
21	published in this report.
22	So, if these comments interest you

Page 162 1 I will encourage you to take a look at the 2 report. So, broadly, on the question of 3 procedural reform, I'd just like to note that, 4 5 you know, the nature of the process has really 6 changed over the last 20 years. 7 You know, the recent reforms 8 around comments and, of course, in the holding 9 of public hearings are a very good start and 10 responding to what is really a kind of expansion of the range of stakeholders that 11 12 understand the importance of trade policy and IP policy and feel a stake with -- a stake in 13 14 the process. 15 This is a relatively new development. We think it's only beginning 16 17 because of the range of issues that IP policy 18 and TRIPS policy increasingly impinge on. The 19 Special 301 process has begun to address that 20 but, ultimately, I think we will have to do 21 much more to expand the range of stakeholders 22 that it listens to in composing the Special

Page 163 1 301 Reports. 2 So, just to, you know, set an example, we have never seen consumer-oriented 3 IP policy addressed through Special 301 4 5 Reports. We have never seen calls for greater 6 exceptions and limitations to copyright to 7 make other countries more congruent with U.S. 8 standards or, for that matter, calls for 9 public access to Government-produced research in other countries which is the norm in this 10 11 country. 12 Those things would have clear public benefits, both for consumers and 13 14 companies. This is something the KEI has hit on in the past. I think it's very important 15 16 as we move forward. 17 The advisory groups to the Special 18 301 process still compose largely of the dozen 19 or so industries that helped found Special 301 20 20 years ago. Why aren't there consumer 21 groups as part of those advisory committees? 22 Why aren't there other kinds of organizations

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1	with a constructural voice in the process?
2	There's nothing in the statute,
3	the 301 Statute, that requires the current
4	composition of the advisory groups to be, you
5	know, essentially the same stakeholders that
6	created the process.
7	And the last two years have really
8	begun to demonstrate how much more interest
9	there is and how much broader the stakes are,
10	as the process begins to open up and provide
11	opportunities for people to be heard.
12	I'll just refer back to my earlier
13	comments, my written comments if you want to
14	learn more about that, and procedural issues
15	are something we addressed at some length in
16	the report.
17	And just to speak a little say
18	a couple of words about software piracy and
19	the organization of software markets, Special
20	301 Reports talk repeatedly about software
21	piracy. In fact, it's probably fair to say
22	that over the last ten years debates about

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1	copyright enforcement and industry losses have
2	been driven by software industry claims.
3	Certainly the software losses
4	reported by the BSA of \$53 billion in 2009
5	dwarf the claims by other industries by an
6	order of magnitude.
7	The assumptions underlying these
8	claims of losses have been widely criticized,
9	especially the equivalents drawn between
10	parted copies and lost sales, the rough the
11	one-to-one equivalents.
12	As many people have noted in the
13	past this was a more or less absurd assumption
14	in developing countries where price-to-income
15	ratios are very high and open-source
16	alternatives to many of these software tools
17	are widely available.
18	So, last year something rather
19	significant happened in the evidentiary
20	discourse that underlies software industry
21	loss claims in this regard.
22	The IDC dropped this one-to-one

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1	assumption and stopped characterizing losses
2	in any terms at all. It now refers only to
3	the commercial value of unlicensed software.
4	Losses have dropped out of the
5	picture as far as the software industry is
6	concerned.
7	So, given that, what happens to a
8	decade of USTR policy that's been built at
9	least partly around the incorporation of those
10	loss claims?
11	I'll say, on this Special 301, I
12	think judiciously backed off the use of
13	numerical estimates of losses by industry a
14	number of years ago, reflecting what has
15	turned into a fairly broad-based critique of
16	the methodologies used to produce those loss
17	numbers.
18	This is, you know, a good step,
19	but still makes and it's still framed by
20	assumptions of massive losses that are just
21	just characterize the discourse overall and no
22	longer appear to need specific loss claims to

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1	be repeated and reiterated in industry in
2	Government documents and Government reports.
3	So, in the software context,
4	again, I I'd like to emphasize that I think
5	the USTR plays a has a pretty judicious
6	stance toward what kinds of requirements it
7	places on other countries, or what kinds of
8	demands it places it makes on other
9	countries, especially it plays an appropriate
10	role when it encourages other countries to
11	legalize the software in the public sector,
12	and when it encourages enforcement against
13	commercial pirate vendors under the TRIPS
14	Agreement.
15	So, those are entirely appropriate
16	roles, I think, but really, that's as far as
17	the evidentiary basis goes in terms of harms,
18	and at the edges of USTR language in the
19	Special 301 Reports, there are a number of
20	other kinds of vaguer hints about the
21	appropriate behavior of other countries vis-a-
22	vis software piracy that really suggest

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Page 169 1 through civil means. 2 The -- you know, something that 3 appears in the industry literature, but not in 4 Special 301 Reports is the push-back against 5 Government procurement mandates for opensource software. 6 7 So, open-source is often evoked by 8 other countries as a means of combating 9 piracy. IPR reports in the last couple of years have begun to include criticism of these 10 types of mandates as a restraint on trade on 11 12 the basis of the claim that open-source software is less favorable to the respect for 13 14 intellectual property rights than commercially-produced software, commercially-15 licensed software. 16 17 These sorts of things -- again, 18 just in the spirit of drawing brighter lines 19 around what the USTR is asking around software 20 piracy, the criminalization of end-user piracy 21 is a very poor policy object to include and 22 this does pop up in some of the USTR country

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1	language.
2	The Romania criticisms of the
3	Romania government were tempered by positive
4	language about criminal convictions in
5	software in and around software piracy with
6	the implication that if countries adopt
7	stronger criminalization of end-user piracy,
8	use of software by businesses, that this will
9	bring them into closer alignment with what the
10	USTR wants.
11	MR. McCOY: You've got about a
12	minute left.
13	MR. KARAGANIS: Okay. So, just to
14	summarize very briefly, piracy is part of the
15	software business model in developing
16	countries. This is not a controversial
17	statement at this point. It's a form of price
18	discrimination that the software companies use
19	very successfully to lock in market share, to
20	acquire 95 percent of market share or more in
21	most of the countries under consideration,
22	almost entirely through piracy.

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1	Calling piracy a dead loss to the
2	software industry, calling it theft just
3	doesn't characterize how the market works.
4	The software business, the
5	legalization which we fully support in these
б	countries, proceeds through institutional
7	licensing so the major software vendors
8	generally cede the retail market to piracy in
9	part by pricing retail software at Western
10	prices which are totally unaffordable to most
11	developing country publics.
12	That market is effectively ceded
13	to piracy. Software companies then to in and
14	enforce against public institutions, large
15	businesses, and then that enforcement frontier
16	is against is really built around
17	enforcement against medium and small
18	businesses.
19	And in my view and the view of the
20	work that we have done in this report, it
21	really shouldn't be the business of the USTR
22	to help the software industry shift the cost

Page 172 1 of optimizing its business model to public 2 bodies in other countries. 3 That's -- it's a poor use of 4 Government resources. It's legitimately 5 criticized when those other countries object or prove to be recalcitrant in adopting those 6 7 kinds of enforcement measures. 8 MR. McCOY: Okay. Thanks very 9 much. I think our time is up, but that we 10 appreciate your presentation. We appreciate your coming down here today and your 11 12 participation in the process. Thank you. 13 MR. KARAGANIS: Thank you. I'm 14 Joe Karaganis. I'm a program director at the Social Science Research Council in New York. 15 16 MR. McCOY: So next we have Oxfam America. Go ahead. Welcome. 17 18 MR. MALPANI: Thank you. So, it's 19 Rohit Malpani for Oxfam America, which is an 20 international development and humanitarian 21 agency working on poverty reduction. 22 Before I start, sort of following

Page 173 up on Doctors Without Borders' comment. 1 2 There's nobody from HHS, but I was also wondering in terms of representation from 3 USAID or from the Global Health Initiative, as 4 5 well as the Food and Drug Administration, and just wondering as to whether or not there had 6 7 been thinking about having either of those 8 attend. The Food and Drug Administration 9 has done really good work and I have attended 10 a couple of meetings with them where they 11 12 really parse out the difference between, you know, counterfeits and substandards and 13 14 falsified and generic medicines. So, I think it would just benefit 15 16 this hearing and, in general, as well as the Global Health Initiative which is trying to 17 18 take more of a hold of government approach. 19 Any thoughts around that or --20 MR. McCOY: The USAID wasn't able 21 to make it today. They do routinely 22 participate in the --

Page 174 1 MR. MALPANI: It's a big agency, 2 though. They even opened a policy department. Are they that busy? 3 MR. McCOY: I don't make those 4 5 decisions. 6 MR. MALPANI: Maybe I can get a 7 job there --8 MR. McCOY: Similarly, FDA and HHS 9 are both -- are both part of the TPS process--10 MR. MALPANI: FDA is a really big 11 agency, too. 12 MR. McCOY: Well --13 MR. MALPANI: Just thinking that 14 if you could have everyone else from these other departments you could probably spare 15 even four hours, maybe they could just do the 16 afternoon with all the public interest groups. 17 MR. McCOY: You are welcome to let 18 19 those departments know of your --20 MR. MALPANI: I'm not in the 21 Government, though. You are. 22 MR. McCOY: Concerns of what --

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1	MR. MALPANI: You are the chair of
2	the you probably have more influence than
3	I have, respectfully.
4	MR. McCOY: Go ahead.
5	MR. MALPANI: Okay. So, our
6	submission this year focused on two
7	interrelated topics, our views on the 2010
8	Special 301 Report and our concerns with the
9	existing U.S. approach to evaluating the
10	intellectual property framework for medicines
11	in developing countries.
12	And I suppose I'm going to speak a
13	bit more in generalities, but I'll try to link
14	it back into specific countries, but apologies
15	if I'm not fulfilling that.
16	So, I guess, first around the 2010
17	Report. We had hoped that the 2010 report
18	would integrate key public health principles
19	and tried on the Doha Declaration, and we
20	acknowledge in the introductory language to
21	the report that it does mention the Doha
22	Declaration and the right of developing

Page 176 countries to use key safequards such as 1 2 compulsory licensing to protect public health, but we were disappointed that, in practice, 3 the U.S. continued to push for strict 4 5 interpretations of key intellectual property rules that would limit access to medicines, 6 7 while continuing to raise vague procedural concerns with the use of key TRIPS safeguards 8 9 and especially compulsory licensing, and this 10 would be especially in reference to Thailand, and I think I have had separate discussions 11 12 around this where, you know, if you want to talk about transparency, then it would be 13 helpful if you put out some indicators and 14 criteria instead of just putting that in 15 16 general, especially since the Government had, I think, issued three 100-page white papers 17 18 that talked at length about the consultation 19 process. 20 And I'm not sure -- if that's not 21 transparent enough then perhaps nothing is. 22 With the remainder of my testimony

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1	I'd like to outline three reasons why the 2011
2	Special 301 Report should do more to respect
3	the right of all developing countries to adopt
4	public health safeguards and flexibilities to
5	the fullest, and I'll just conclude with some
6	brief recommendations.
7	So the first reason, strict
8	intellectual property rules that exceed WTO
9	obligations, in our belief, do not lead to
10	additional innovation, especially on behalf of
11	patients in developing countries.
12	With the Special 301 Report, the
13	U.S. Government is employing an approach to IP
14	protection that contradicts the approach that
15	the U.S. and other developed countries
16	employed for their own national development.
17	Historically IP legislation is
18	often followed development. As countries grow
19	richer or wealthier, so does their IP
20	framework evolve from imitation. And as they
21	evolve from imitation to innovation, they have
22	introduced more stringent intellectual

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1	property laws.
2	Developing countries have faced an
3	entirely different approach to IP over the
4	last two decades. You could call it a double
5	standard.
6	Instead of promoting innovation,
7	we believe that ever stricter IP rules prevent
8	developing countries from imitating, and
9	thereby cultivating innovation-based cultures
10	that can contribute to economic development
11	and a broader public good.
12	Our own research in the last few
13	years has shown that stricter IP rules, in
14	fact, have done little to nothing to stimulate
15	local innovation or to channel foreign direct
16	investment that could improve innovation in
17	developing countries.
18	For example, Jordan, which
19	introduced TRIPS-plus rules in 2001 as a
20	condition of a U.S. free trade agreement and
21	their accession to the WTO, derive few
22	benefits from stricter IP rules.

Page 179 1 Local drug companies have not 2 managed to increase their local innovative capacity and multinational pharmaceutical 3 companies do not channel any new foreign 4 5 direct investment into the local economy to 6 stimulate innovation. 7 And, in fact, our study also 8 showed that in Egypt, for instance, which had no IP protection until 2005, multinational 9 10 companies had channeled \$223 million of FDI into the generics industry because it's a big 11 12 market, both within Egypt and regionally. So, just to day that often this 13 14 idea that you can draw a straight relationship between the two is a bit false. 15 Furthermore, stricter IP rules in 16 17 developing countries do not alter the calculus that multinational companies employ when 18 19 deciding where to invest limited R&D 20 resources. 21 Developing countries, even after 22 recent economic growth, still only represent

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1	in total approximately 15 percent of global
2	pharmaceutical demand.
3	Stricter rules in a few countries
4	may generate greater profits for
5	pharmaceutical companies, but it does not lead
6	to additional innovation that would meet the
7	public health needs of those countries.
8	And I'd also like to remind this
9	panel that, alongside meeting minimum
10	obligations under TRIPS, many developing
11	countries are sharing the global burden for
12	research and development through other means
13	and this is something that's being discussed
14	at the World Health Organization.
15	But, this includes, you know,
16	serving as low-cost centers for manufacturing
17	through government finance, research and
18	development, which we can all agree there
19	needs to be more of, and as a preferred site
20	for drug industry clinical trials which
21	enables drug companies to drastically reduce
22	their costs, to test the medicine's safety and

Page 181 1 efficacy. 2 There's a great piece in Vanity Fair from this January that talked a lot about 3 this movement towards developing countries and 4 5 it was talking more about the safety concerns, but it's also interesting in terms of the 6 7 cost-per-patient actually goes down quite a 8 bit for pharmaceutical companies. 9 And, you know, in the end, the 10 benefits don't go to the same patients on which the medicines were tested on. And, as 11 12 we were talking about data exclusivity, in fact, we are almost encouraging generics 13 14 companies to test those patients again, instead of providing the benefits of medical 15 16 research. 17 The second reason is, second, 18 strict intellectual property rules in middle-19 income countries have negative public health 20 impacts upon poor people in middle-income 21 countries as well as upon patients in least-22 developed countries.

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1	We are concerned that the Special
2	301 Report, in assessing appropriate levels of
3	IP protection, ignores the high rate of
4	poverty in middle-income countries.
5	While these countries have often
6	experienced strong top-line growth, there
7	remains enormous income disparities. A recent
8	study published by the Overseas Development
9	Institute calculated that approximately 1.4
10	billion extremely poor people live in middle-
11	and low-middle-income countries out of a total
12	of 1.7 billion worldwide.
13	So, while the tiny elite in these
14	countries can pay high prices for medicines in
15	the private market, the vast majority of
16	people, and especially the poorest rely upon
17	the public sector to provide affordable
18	medicines.
19	High prices charged by
20	pharmaceutical companies limit the coverage
21	the public sector can provide and thereby
22	limit access, especially to the poorest.

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1	And this is often what we have
2	talked about, again, with respect to Thailand
3	and even countries like the Philippines or
4	India. The Philippines has the second-highest
5	medicine prices in Asia and the measures that
6	they've taken in the last few years to
7	actually introduce TRIPS flexibilities that
8	exist in many other developed countries, you
9	know, I think should be welcomed by the United
10	States and not criticized, given the lack of
11	access to medicines in the public and the
12	private sector.
13	And I'd also like to say, when
14	generic production is delayed or limited in
15	middle-income countries, it directly impacts
16	access in the world's poorest countries.
17	This is, as you know, because the
18	least-developed countries have little or no
19	manufacturing capacity to produce
20	pharmaceuticals and must rely upon generics
21	produced in middle-income countries and
22	especially India which, as other people have

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1	said, is popularly known as the pharmacy of
2	the developing world.
3	And we believe that solution, such
4	as the Paragraph 6 Amendment, which often the
5	U.S. talks about, have failed to deliver upon
6	its promise and have been views as a solution
7	wrapped in red tape.
8	Our believe is, in the foreseeable
9	future, only generics produced and exported
10	from developing countries with viable generics
11	industries can ensure access to medicines in
12	the world's poorest countries.
13	Thirdly, strategies employed by
14	the pharmaceutical industry to promote access
15	to medicines and I'd just like to say
16	donations are broadly criticized by civil
17	society groups and multilateral organizations,
18	and I believe even by PEPFAR.
19	They are not sustainable. They
20	interfere with the generics markets and they
21	can have very bad impacts on public health
22	systems.

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1	So, when you hear a presentation
2	about donations, that's not a good thing, and
3	that's something which even the WHO has
4	strictly said, except for elimination of
5	neglected diseases, has very bad impacts. So,
6	let's not cheer about donations of drugs.
7	But just to say, other strategies
8	used by multinational companies, including
9	differential pricing and voluntary licensing
10	have been insufficient and inadequate,
11	especially when compared to the benefits
12	bestowed by generic competition.
13	I would remind the panelists that
14	the inability of multinational drug companies'
15	to ensure access to medicines has been
16	reaffirmed by the U.S. Government, as
17	mentioned at this January's executive board
18	meeting of the WHO.
19	The director of the U.S. Global
20	U.S. Office of Global Health Affairs stated,
21	"Recent studies have demonstrated that
22	differential pricing does not always have the

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1	impact on the pricing of medicines that robust
2	generic competition does."
3	In addition, we would also note
4	that pharmaceutical company strategies are
5	often restricted to a few high-profile
6	diseases, are entirely dependent upon the
7	whims of a pharmaceutical company's charity,
8	and are often limited in geographic scope.
9	In particular, while drug
10	companies have shown limited response in its
11	concerns about the high prices of first-line
12	AIDS medicines, few companies have addressed
13	the high prices of medicines to treat
14	noncommunicable diseases such as cancer, heart
15	disease and diabetes.
16	In the developing world, these
17	diseases are the major cause of death and
18	disability, and in many of the countries which
19	you criticize on the 301 Report, the World
20	Health Organization estimates that 80 percent
21	of all deaths from noncommunicable diseases
22	occur in the developing world today.

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1	Rohit Malpani from Oxfam America.
2	MR. McCOY: And our next speaker
3	is from Balanced IPR Organization. You'll
4	want to press the button right in front of you
5	there. Welcome.
6	MR. HUDSON: There we go. Thank
7	you. Thank you for the opportunity to be with
8	you today. My name is Brendan Hudson with
9	Balanced IPR Organization.
10	I have had about 12 years of
11	experience in IPR enforcement efforts, and
12	that's the issue that I want to talk with you
13	about today, the USTR's role in that.
14	I formerly worked with the U.S.
15	movie industry. I'm no longer associated with
16	them, to be clear, and have had experience in
17	running or supervising IPR enforcement
18	programs in at least 20 countries and two
19	different continents.
20	I have also had about 12 years of
21	experience with the 301 process and I would
22	like to say thank you for all of the work that

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1	you've done over the last 12 years. It has
2	been a very effective leverage for us in
3	improving IPR enforcement for U.S. companies
4	and U.S. products.
5	I would also like to mention,
6	completely off-topic, that a 95-year or more
7	extension of copyright is not a little fish to
8	fry. It's rather a very cute little mouse to
9	protect, so I hope you would continue to do
10	that.
11	It is my hands-on experience in
12	those countries that brings me to talk with
13	you today about an issue that I also consider
14	to be a very big fish for you to consider and
15	fry, and that's corruption.
16	Corruption, piracy and
17	counterfeiting all go hand-in-hand. It's been
18	my experience that the underlying problem in
19	IPR enforcement really has much more to do
20	with corruption than any other issue that I
21	have come across.
22	Corruption and ineffective IPR

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1	enforcement goes hand-in-hand, and corruption
2	in the inability for American companies to
3	properly sell their product in foreign markets
4	goes hand-in-hand.
5	Corruption is a fundamental
6	impediment to effective achievement of U.S.
7	trade policy and trade law objectives.
8	Anticorruption, on the other hand is a
9	fundamental policy, a fundamental principle of
10	U.S. foreign policy.
11	It is an issue that, at the very
12	highest levels from the President to the
13	Secretary of State, to the Attorney General,
14	has been stated as a commitment and priority
15	of this Administration.
16	So, it's really our purpose today
17	just to take a few minutes to encourage you to
18	make sure that anticorruption and trade
19	policy, particularly as it affects IPR
20	enforcement, go hand-in-hand.
21	We believe that USTR can have an
22	immediate impact on improving IPR enforcement

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1	rarely see a U.S. Government official actually
2	doing the hands-on antipiracy or IPR
3	enforcement, it's the U.S. private sector,
4	either directly or through associations.
5	Now, the problem really is this,
6	is that there are millions of dollars that are
7	used to hire foreign agents. They have
8	incredible financial incentives to get results
9	for U.S. companies.
10	They work in an environment that's
11	corrupt. It's just basically corrupt on
12	almost every level in a lot of countries, and
13	they often have very little control, and
14	certainly no awareness of U.S. position on
15	anticorruption.
16	So, concerning USTR's role and the
17	role of 301, I had mentioned previously that
18	301 actually does have an important aspect, an
19	important impact in leveraging IPR enforcement
20	in a lot of countries and I have used that,
21	myself, and have had other people use it.
22	Seen from the U.S. point of view,

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1	that we do believe would have an immediate
2	impact.
3	The first is discussing any new
4	301 Report, and discussing it as a serious
5	position consistent with the seriousness that
6	it's been given by the President, by the
7	Secretary of State and by the Attorney
8	General, at least.
9	Second is working with the U.S.
10	Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator,
11	who I am not sure his I believe he is
12	not here today, but as I understand, USTR will
13	be working with the IPEC to come up with
14	action plans, and we would encourage that
15	those action plans include anticorruption
16	efforts. It could be education, awareness and
17	especially for reporting.
18	And third, and to include that in
19	your on going forward annual reports to the
20	Ways and Means Committee and to the Senate
21	Finance Committee as a way of showing how we
22	have how you are addressing that issue.

1	Page 196 And, given that, if you have any
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2	questions.
3	MR. McCOY: We appreciate your
4	input on this. A couple of questions,
5	thoughts. One is, are there particular
6	countries where you feel this needs to be
7	addressed?
8	I recall, in past reports, we have
9	talked about local protectionism and
10	corruption as an IP enforcement issue in
11	China. So, it has come into the picture from
12	time to time before.
13	I think it is an interesting
14	suggestion that we do this more more
15	comprehensively, but one thing that would be
16	helpful to us is your thoughts on where there
17	are particular countries you would like us to
18	look at or if you are more asking us to look
19	at other efforts that are already undertaken
20	to assess corruption overseas and sort of
21	incorporate those into our thinking?
22	MR. HUDSON: Well, specifically

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1	for those countries that you are going to list
2	and for those countries for which you will
3	have an action plan done with IPEC, that it
4	should be included in every single one of
5	those.
6	Now, it is difficult to say that
7	only third-world countries have corruption.
8	The truth of the matter is, you can go from
9	northern Europe to Southern American, to Asia,
10	and you are going to have those problems for
11	the reasons that I have given you.
12	There are extreme financial
13	advantages and incentives and a lack of
14	control. So, I would say included in every
15	country that you list.
16	MR. McCOY: Okay. Thanks very
17	much. If you would like, as a matter of, you
18	know, posthearing submission, to provide us
19	any more details on particular countries and
20	how the how the anticorruption issue has
21	concretely impacted IP enforcement in those
22	countries, that's always welcome.

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1	I know we have received
2	considerable input from our folks in China on
3	that, but should you want to expand that out
4	a bit, by all means, please do so.
5	MR. HUDSON: Thank you. Thank you
6	for your time.
7	MR. McCOY: Thanks for joining us
8	today. We appreciate it.
9	The next speaker on our list is
10	International Intellectual Property Alliance.
11	Michael, welcome. I wanted to
12	I wanted to ask you the first, thanks for
13	your highly country-specific recommendations.
14	We most of our questions, as we
15	read through your submission, related to
16	particular countries where your perspective
17	has changed in one way or another from last
18	year, so I might just ask you a blanket
19	question.
20	If you can take advantage of your
21	remarks today to mention a couple of the most
22	prominent countries where you feel the

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1	circumstances have changed, and make sure we
2	are apprised of the change in circumstances
3	that you feel is relevant, I think that would
4	be of greatest interest based on the feedback
5	I have received from the members of the
6	Subcommittee.
7	MR. SCHLESINGER: Certainly, Stan.
8	Thank you very much. I will try to do so. To
9	the extent that I fail, you can remind me
10	again at the end.
11	Well, good afternoon. I'm Michael
12	Schlesinger. I'm counsel to the IIPA. I'm
13	appearing before you on behalf of IIPA, a
14	coalition of seven associations, 1900
15	companies which make up the major sectors of
16	the U.S. copyright industries.
17	We appreciate the opportunity to
18	weigh in on the 2011 Special 301 process, and
19	we thank you for your time and want to thank
20	you for your efforts here in Washington and
21	around the world.
22	In this year's Special 301

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1	submission, IIPA has identified 40 countries
2	that deny adequate and effective protection of
3	intellectual property rights and/or deny fair
4	and equitable market access.
5	By denying such basic protections
6	and access to their markets, these countries'
7	practices harm our creative content businesses
8	that bring movies, music, software, video
9	games and books to the world.
10	These businesses remain critical
11	to the future growth of the U.S. economy,
12	provide millions of jobs and help expand
13	exports in line with the Administration's
14	goals.
15	It should, therefore, be a
16	critical part of the Special 301 process to
17	define concrete plans of action for the year
18	ahead and longer term, to improve copyright
19	protection, reduce global piracy levels and
20	open markets to U.S. copyright content around
21	the world.
22	There are massive costs

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1	attributable to piracy, market access
2	barriers, investment barriers and
3	discriminatory treatment to U.S. firms.
4	Unfortunately, today, not only
5	physical piracy, but more than ever, internet
6	and mobile piracy threaten businesses built on
7	copyright protection.
8	Legitimate online business models,
9	while growing in number and size, are still
10	dwarfed by and have significant difficulty
11	competing with the massive proliferation of
12	illegal services.
13	IIPA's filing seeks to help the
14	U.S. Government define and seek implementation
15	of concrete solutions. We do this through
16	identifying key copyright industry's
17	initiative and challenges for 2011.
18	We first address the overarching
19	need for deterrent enforcement responses to
20	copyright piracy through passage and
21	implementation of good TRIPS-compatible and
22	WIPO internet treaties, WCT and WPPT-

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1	compatible laws and enforcement procedures to
2	deal with specific problems.
3	We discussed the enormous
4	challenge posed by internet and mobile piracy,
5	including the need for a multifaceted
б	approach, a strong legal framework,
7	appropriate levels of responsibility for
8	online infringements that foster cooperation
9	among all stakeholders involved in the online
10	supply change for creative content and strict
11	enforcement by governments against online
12	theft of copyright.
13	As one example of this problem,
14	the entertainment software association study
15	found that in 2010, ESA vendors detected more
16	than 144 million connections by peers
17	downloading illegally only some of ESA members
18	titles.
19	The top five countries in that
20	study were Italy, China, Spain, Brazil and
21	France.
22	We also point out the independent

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1	and Envisional study which concluded that
2	almost 24 percent of all worldwide internet
3	traffic is copyright infringing.
4	The IIPA submission also addresses
5	the unauthorized use of software within
6	businesses, enterprise and user software
7	piracy, the principal and most damaging form
8	of infringement to the business software
9	industry today.
10	More than \$55 billion worth of
11	unlicensed software was used globally in 2010,
12	including more than \$32 billion of U.S. vendor
13	software.
14	This problem requires a specific
15	enforcement response, including deterrent
16	level civil and criminal actions, inspections,
17	audits, and ensuring legal software licensing
18	practices ensue among corporate entities and
19	governments, thereby setting a good example
20	for the populace-at-large.
21	And, if I have time at the end I
22	would love to respond to the statements of my

Page 204 colleague at SSRC. 1 2 We talk about the critical nature 3 of technological protection measures, TPM's, which are used to foster new business models 4 5 for distributing creative content and also use to ensure that works made available in the 6 7 digital and online environments are not easily 8 stolen. 9 We highlight the need to address the ever-increasing threat from those who 10 build their business models around providing 11 12 devices, tools or technologies to gain unlawful access to our content, including our 13 14 video games and defeat these TPM's. Examples include mod chips, game-15 16 copiers, softmodding. These are just some of 17 the sophisticated techniques used to ravage 18 the console-based video game market, as an 19 example. 20 Redress illegal camcording by 21 which 90 percent of newly-released movies that 22 are pirated can be traced to those who use a

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1	digital recording device in a movie theater to
2	literally steal the image and sound right off
3	the screen.
4	One thousand major motion pictures
5	were stolen this way in 2010, causing dramatic
6	harm to the markets for those motion pictures.
7	This harms U.S. films, but it also
8	harms the local film market. For example, we
9	had 52 detections of Thai films that were
10	stolen right off the screen in 2010, illegally
11	camcorded. We also show a 48 percent increase
12	in 2010 in illegal camcords in Thailand.
13	The motion picture industry
14	urgently needs help to address this problem
15	through adequate laws, training of cinema
16	personnel and strict enforcement.
17	Submission addresses both piracy,
18	large-scale photocopying of entire books,
19	commercial print piracy and increasing
20	unlawful digitizations or online copying of
21	published materials.
22	This form of piracy also needs

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1	governments to recognize the extreme harm, and
2	we need help to set a good example in the
3	education sector.
4	Redress game cartridge
5	counterfeiting which is essentially a Chinese
6	export, damaging the world's markets for those
7	games. We also discussed physical optical
8	disk piracy and signal theft of pay TV
9	content.
10	India accounts for more than \$1
11	billion in value in unauthorized pay TV
12	content through individual tapping into
13	systems illegally, illegal distributions and
14	underdeclaration.
15	The IIPA submission also draws out
16	the direct relationship between piracy and
17	market access barriers and calls upon
18	policymakers to recognize and draw on this
19	relationship to help make the reduction of
20	market access impediments a key component of
21	ongoing efforts to combat piracy.
22	Simply put, if we can't bring in,

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20 longer term systemic changes.	20	longer term systemic changes.
21 There are commonalities in the	21	There are commonalities in the
22 report that are highlighted there, and you can	22	report that are highlighted there, and you can

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1	take a look at them, but I think I'll stop
2	here to leave a couple of minutes for any
3	additional questions.
4	MR. McCOY: You've got exactly a
5	couple of minutes, and I think what would be
6	of greatest interest to the subcommittee is if
7	you could mention a couple of countries that
8	you think are particularly notable where
9	something has changed, causing you to change
10	your perspective.
11	I think the one that stood out to
12	the Subcommittee was Saudi Arabia where a year
13	ago I think IIPA had recommended favorably on
14	their removal from the list and this year your
15	view has changed, but we would be open to
16	hearing about others as well.
17	MR. SCHLESINGER: Well, sure.
18	Very, very briefly on Saudi Arabia, obviously
19	we are talking about the largest potential
20	market in the Middle East, in the Gulf.
21	The other countries in the Gulf
22	have effectively addressed their most

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1	intellectual property concerns, not all, but
2	Saudi Arabia is the one market where we still
3	face difficulties.
4	We note in the report that
5	legitimate revenues in the UAE are actually
6	greater than the legitimate revenues that we
7	received in Saudi Arabia, notwithstanding the
8	exponentially larger size of the potential
9	Saudi market populace.
10	We also note that gains that we
11	expected to see in the criminal enforcement
12	process were not achieved in 2010, and thus,
13	we are asking for USTR, once again, to note
14	Saudi Arabia and to watch the developments
15	there.
16	A couple other markets, just to
17	mention, ones where we have recommended an
18	elevation from previous years. In the
19	Philippines we have not seen sufficient
20	progress on implementing the new anti-
21	camcording law.
22	We also have a situation where,

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1	frankly, the court system is so unreliable
2	with respect to the issuance of search
3	warrants and quashal of the search warrants,
4	that it's very hard for us to devote
5	significant resources into a system where we
6	don't know whether we will get any justice at
7	the end of the day or actual protection.
8	So, those are just two reasons.
9	In Costa Rica we saw a roll-back in copyright
10	protection, in particular, with respect to
11	phonograms and performers.
12	In Viet Nam and in Spain we see
13	the rapid increase in the internet piracy
14	problem, proliferation of online access. Viet
15	Nam doesn't like to hear it, but they are
16	going down a very similar road to China in
17	terms of relying mainly on administrative
18	enforcement mechanisms and not having any
19	effective criminal enforcement mechanism place
20	or one that is arguably in violation of their
21	BTA obligations. You could
22	MR. McCOY: Let me say, just thank

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1	you very much.
2	MR. HUDSON: Sure.
3	MR. McCOY: A quick highlighting,
4	and I also want to thank you for what I'm sure
5	must have been a considerable effort to
6	streamline your two-phone-book-sized
7	submission into a one-phone-book-sized
8	submission. Those of us who have to read them
9	all appreciate it greatly.
10	But, thanks for your remarks
11	today. If there's anything that you needed to
12	say that you weren't able to say, we welcome
13	a posthearing submission, but we have got your
14	submissions and we are pouring over them.
15	MR. HUDSON: Thank you very much.
16	I would certainly like to clarify some of the
17	SSRC's statements that have been made today
18	and we may do that in writing. Thank you.
19	MR. McCOY: Thank you very much.
20	The next speaker we have is Public
21	Citizen. Welcome. Thanks very much for
22	coming. Thanks very much for coming, Peter,

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1	and we are looking forward to your
2	presentation. The floor is yours for ten
3	minute.
4	MR. MAYBARDUK: Thank you, Stan.
5	Thanks, everyone, very much for
6	holding this hearing. My name is Peter
7	Maybarduk. I'm the Access to Medicines
8	program director at Public Citizen, a
9	nonprofit consumer advocacy organization based
10	here in Washington, D.C. We have 80,000
11	members, 200,000 members and supporters.
12	In my hearing statement I offered
13	to yield my statement time for questions
14	regarding Ecuador's compulsory license issued
15	in April of this year and their Access to
16	Medicines policy.
17	As some of you know, Public
18	Citizen has provided technical assistance to
19	Ecuador in the Access to Medicines area,
20	assisted in the development of the policy and
21	ensuring its TRIPS compliance.
22	So, I'm more than happy to answer

Page 213 any questions that you have. In the absence 1 2 of the questions at the outset, I can walk you through some of the documents I have just 3 handed you, if that would be for the best. 4 MR. McCOY: I think we would 5 welcome that. 6 7 MR. MAYBARDUK: Okay. Okay. 8 Well, as a threshold matter, I think it merits 9 saying that Public Citizen does support many 10 of the criticisms articulated today regarding the 301 process. 11 But we would like to focus in on 12 13 one country that is making use of its public 14 health rights under WTO rules and the Doha Declaration. 15 16 We have been working with the 17 government of Ecuador for several years, not in any paid capacity, but consistent with our 18 19 mission to improve access to medicine 20 worldwide. 21 And we have maintained a dialogue 22 during that process with U.S. Government

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1	for compulsory licensing policy in the 2011
2	report.
3	In your packets here, the comments
4	that we submitted to the 301 process,
5	narrative brief review because these hold
б	true, and the compulsory license, itself, is
7	included both as a both in the official
8	Spanish and an unofficial translation. For
9	any legal questions, please refer back to the
10	original Spanish.
11	But on October 23rd, 2009,
12	Ecuador's president, Rafael Correa, issued
13	Decree 118 declaring access to priority
14	medicines affecting the health of the
15	Ecuadorian population to be a matter of public
16	interest.
17	Although not required by TRIPS,
18	the decree satisfies an Andean Community
19	Proviso enabling Ecuador's Patent Office, in
20	cooperation with the Ministry of Health, to
21	receive compulsory license requests and issue
22	licenses case-by-case on public interest

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1	grounds.
2	Since that time, in April of 2010,
3	Ecuador issued its first compulsory license
4	for the HIV-AIDS medicine Ritonavir, which is
5	an essential component of the Kaletra second-
6	line AIDS treatment, say the terms of the
7	license, as I said, are included there.
8	It's a license for public use
9	satisfying and now we have biddings between
10	Abbott and Cipla, which is represented in
11	Latin America by ESKEGROUP to help reduce
12	costs in that treatment.
13	So, I guess, just to highlight
14	some of the ways in which it's a TRIPS you
15	know, in which it's a TRIPS-compliant policy
16	and a transparent policy, the patent office in
17	Ecuador has met at least twice with the
18	American embassy in Quito. Probably several
19	more times by now, as well as with the patent-
20	based pharmaceutical companies' trade
21	association, IFI in Ecuador, which issued a
22	public statement accepting the decree.

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1	The compulsory license policy
2	adopts many TRIPS terms verbatim,
3	nonexclusivity, predominant supply of the
4	domestic market, adequate compensation patent
5	holders, license review and termination.
6	Interagency agreement is required
7	for the issuance of public interest licenses,
8	so there is a process and there is a case-by-
9	case evaluation.
10	The royalty payment system
11	well, actually, at this juncture probably
12	merits turning to earlier this year when
13	Ecuador's trade preferences were being
14	reviewed there was a submission by the
15	Emergency Committee for American Trade to
16	USTR, which put forward several what we would
17	characterize as well, certainly unsupported
18	claims regarding that policy.
19	And in there you have our
20	submission clarifying the truth behind some of
21	these questions. ECAT stated that TRIPS
22	provides countries with the right to use

Page 218 1 compulsory licensing when there's a national 2 health emergency but, of course, under WTO rules, countries have the freedom to determine 3 the grounds upon which such licenses are 4 5 granted. 6 ECAT stated that Ecuador appears 7 to be basing licensing findings on the 8 presidential "degree" rather than making individualized decision, but it does require 9 -- but, in fact, the decree requires licensed 10 applicants -- that license applicants, each 11 12 require that a license request be evaluated according to the supported circumstances of 13 14 each case, must be reviewed case-by-case by the patent office and the Ministry of Public 15 16 Health. 17 ECAT accuses Ecuador of failing to 18 promptly notify rightholders and asserts that 19 patent holders are denied the ability to 20 participate in a meaningful way but, in fact, 21 Abbott was notified of ESKEGROUP's license

22 request within days of admitting the completed

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1	license application for consideration, and
2	five weeks before the compulsory license was
3	granted on April 14th and so on.
4	So, we considered some of the
5	criticisms that have been put forward of
6	Ecuador's policy. While they are unsupported,
7	it's very hard to find any evidence for the
8	claims.
9	In last year's 301 Report, on page
10	31, Ecuador is cited in the realm of
11	compulsory licensing as follows: "The United
12	States will continue to monitor recent
13	developments concerning compulsory licensing
14	of pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical
15	products in Ecuador, bearing in mind the
16	discussion of the Doha Declaration on TRIPS
17	and public health in Section One of this
18	report."
19	With the license issued since,
20	what we would like to see this year, as
21	articulated also in last year's comments,
22	"USTR should not cite Ecuador for any matter

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1	related to that country's TRIPS-compliant
2	protocol for the compulsory licensing of
3	pharmaceutical patents in the public interest.
4	"USTR should also not sanction
5	Ecuador's compulsory licensing protocol
б	indirectly, for example, through imprecise
7	references to alleged IPR protection failings
8	in Ecuador through otherwise unwarranted
9	elevation in Ecuador's Watch List status."
10	So, to return to the point, if,
11	indeed this language from the 2010 report on
12	page 13 holds true, that the United States
13	respects partners' rights to grant compulsory
14	license consistent with the TRIPS Agreement,
15	there's a perfect opportunity here to
16	demonstrate the truth of that claim by
17	omitting any reference within the 301 context
18	to Ecuador's compulsory licensing policy.
19	And given that great pains have
20	been taken and I'm happy to elaborate on
21	that to ensure TRIPS compliance of that
22	policy, I think it would be very difficult to

Page 221 1 support any -- to support any other treatment 2 in the report, any mention whatsoever of Ecuador's licensing policy in the report 3 without coming into a contradiction with the 4 5 language on page 13 with the assurance about 6 respecting partners' rights to protect public 7 health under WTO rules. 8 I suppose that's my submission. 9 I'm very happy to answer questions about this 10 policy. Last year there were -- you know, I also offered to answer questions about the 11 12 interagency process on counterfeit drugs. 13 There were a number of questions for public 14 health groups last year on that set of issues. 15 I think it has been a MR. McCOY: really helpful drill-down for us on the 16 17 situation in Ecuador if we have -- you know, if we have questions on this going forward. 18 19 As folks on the Subcommittee study the 20 materials, we will know where to find your 21 but, for the time being, we appreciate the 22 input and your time today to educate us

Page 222 further on the work Public Citizen has been 1 2 doing in Ecuador. 3 MR. MAYBARDUK: Yes. Let me add 4 one addendum, actually. That occurs to me --5 we gathered that some of the concern around Ecuador's policy was related to a perceived 6 7 issue that this could be -- that no one knew 8 where the boundaries were, this could be an 9 entirely open-ended policy. No one knew sort of what would 10 happen next. And, given that there has been 11 12 one compulsory license granted, and given that -- because I was in Quito three weeks ago, and 13 14 I can say that there's actually -- you know, 15 there have been license requests, at last one license request staid, basically denied, and 16 multiple times, you know, in this license that 17 18 was issued as well as the new public request 19 that's been put forward, those requests have 20 been sent back to the license applicants for 21 amendments, basically for failure to dot their 22 I's and cross their T's.

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1	I mean, they actually have pretty
2	exacting requirements on this in Quito and be
3	happy to dialogue separately about that.
4	MR. McCOY: Okay.
5	MR. MAYBARDUK: Thank you.
6	MR. McCOY: And I think next we
7	have Mike Mellis from MLB Advanced Media.
8	Hi, Mike. Welcome.
9	MR. MELLIS: Hi.
10	MR. McCOY: We are I don't know
11	if you were here at the beginning, but rather
12	than, you know, rather than interrupt you at
13	the five-minute stage, we are just going to
14	let you take your full ten minutes here and
15	I'll let you know, at the outset, some of the
16	questions or thoughts we had in looking at
17	your submission.
18	One was that just wanting to
19	better understand the types of efforts that
20	you are undertaking on sports broadcast piracy
21	around the world and any examples you've
22	encountered of sort of best practices on

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1	public/private cooperation on this issue.
2	One of the things we have been
3	asked to do by the Intellectual Property
4	Enforcement Coordinator in the Joint Strategic
5	Plan is to use this year's Special 301 Report
б	to spotlight best practices.
7	So, that's one thing that you
8	could do today that would be helpful to us.
9	Another thing would be to go in a little more
10	detail to a couple of things that you
11	mentioned in your submission.
12	One was the situation in China,
13	the example of TVants is one that was
14	mentioned in your report. Another is the
15	example of Israel and some of the concerns
16	there. Those are both situations of
17	continuing interest to the Subcommittee.
18	But, you have the floor for ten
19	minutes. You can address those questions to
20	the extent you would like, or you can give
21	your prepared statement or you can follow up
22	with a posthearing submission if you would

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1	like to do that.
2	MR. MELLIS: Okay. If I might,
3	could I just read my statement and then I
4	have taken some note and I think I could try
5	to answer your questions as best I can.
6	MR. McCOY: By all means.
7	MR. MELLIS: Mr. Chairman and
8	members of the Committee, I would like to
9	thank you for the privilege of addressing you
10	this afternoon.
11	My name is Mike Mellis and I'm
12	senior vice president and general counsel of
13	MLB Advanced Media, which is MLB's internet
14	and interactive media company.
15	Under the leadership of
16	Commissioner Selig, MLB has developed highly-
17	successful, diverse and innovative sports
18	media businesses.
19	On television our game telecasts
20	are distributed nationally through direct TV,
21	the ESPN, FOX, IN DEMAND, the MLB Network, TBS
22	and Verizon locally through broadcast

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1	television stations and regional sports
2	networks and internationally to over 200
3	countries and territories and the U.S. Armed
4	Forces overseas.
5	On the internet we have been a
б	pioneer. Our first live game webcast was in
7	2002. Since then our mlb.com TV Subscription
8	Service which distributes thousands of games
9	each season to fans on personal computers and
10	wireless devices has served more than one
11	billion live video streams.
12	Clearly, rightsowners like MLB can
13	be adversely impacted by telecast piracy and,
14	as we explained in our past letters and
15	testimony to the Committee, there is an
16	emerging form of telecast piracy now, the
17	unauthorized internet streaming of live
18	television programming of all types, including
19	live sports.
20	The number of rogue sites and
21	services involved is significant. Many are
22	open-doors, permitting any type of television

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1	programming to be streamed live, persistently
2	and globally, without authorization from
3	copyright owners.
4	In our recent letters to the
5	Committee we have identified rogue sites and
6	the nations where they are located.
7	The threat this poses to the U.S.
8	televised media sector must be taken
9	seriously. Although there is much that
10	remains unknown about this problem,
11	particularly with respect to its offshore
12	aspects, it is clear that on an annual basis
13	thousands of hours of live television
14	programming from U.S. networks are being
15	pirated, included, a significant piracy of
16	live sports.
17	In our rights enforcement efforts,
18	the dominant pattern we have continued to see
19	is piracy occurring through offshore sites and
20	services and, in particular, streaming over
21	peer-to-peer services based in China.
22	In the recent out-of-cycle review

Page 228 1 of notorious markets in the 2010 Special 301 2 Report, USTR identified one of the latter 3 services, a streaming over peer-to-peer network called TVants, based in Shijiazhang, 4 5 China as a notorious internet market. Another is called Stream Torrent, also located in 6 7 Shijiazhang, China. 8 Our copyright law is clear. This 9 is copyright infringement. As ICE's recent 10 seizures of roque site domain names show, it can also be a crime, however, domestic 11 12 copyright enforcement is a remedial tool available only in limited circumstances. 13 14 This is because the piracy is global, often involving sites and services 15 that operate offshore, outside the effective 16 reach of our courts. 17 We therefore believe that 18 19 international cooperation must be improved. 20 Most nations are both exporters and importers 21 of television programming, so we see common ground, both in terms of shared economic 22

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1	interest and legal obligations for the U.S.
2	and its trading partners to work cooperatively
3	to curtail this problem.
4	We would like to commend USTR for
5	identifying this matter in its 2008, 2009 and
6	2010 Special 301 reports and in its recent
7	out-of-cycle review of notorious markets.
8	Since the problem is continuing,
9	we recommend that USTR continues to identify
10	it in the 2011 Special 301 Report and gives it
11	priority in trade negotiations.
12	As we develop more experience in
13	this area we look forward to the opportunity
14	to make additional recommendations to you.
15	Once again, thank you very much
16	for your interest in this matter and the
17	opportunity to address you this afternoon.
18	Okay, Stan, to dive into your
19	to try to answer your questions: Number one,
20	what do we do in terms of rights enforcement?
21	What we at mlb.com have an in-house rights
22	enforcement team.

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1	We have had to hire people to deal
2	with this problem. We are now in our we
3	will enter our fifth season of comprehensively
4	monitoring the internet for incidence of live
5	game telecast piracy.
6	You know, we have quite a few
7	games, over 2,400 games a year. It's a big
8	task to monitor literally hundreds of
9	different sites and services that we are aware
10	of where this problem has manifested and
11	document what we see.
12	We think it's important to create
13	a data set, you know, where are we seeing
14	problems, how often, and the like, and that's
15	one reason why we do it.
16	Another reason why we do it is,
17	obviously, to try to stop it from happening
18	where we can, and that involves cease and
19	desist correspondence and, in some cases,
20	specifically in the United States where some
21	services have automated take-down tools, we
22	can click and get streams blocked almost in

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1	real time.
2	So, it depends on the level of
3	cooperation of the site or service provider.
4	But with respect to the offshore aspect of the
5	problem and let's talk about China for a
6	minute, and a site or service like Stream
7	Torrent, which is a peer-to-peer network, they
8	are unresponsive and our efforts to contact
9	them and other rightsholders that I know of
10	are just ignored.
11	We have not litigated this matter
12	yet, but others in the sports community have.
13	The Premier League has filed a number of
14	lawsuits in Scotland, in England, in Israel,
15	UEFA, the Dutch Soccer League. Erevidisie has
16	had several lawsuits in the Netherlands.
17	So, there has been, you know,
18	litigation taken up by sports leagues out of
19	their home bases to try to address this
20	problem, but we we have not been engaged in
21	that exercise yet.
22	MR. McCOY: And can you tell us a

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1	little bit about the situation in Israel?
2	MR. MELLIS: Yes. The situation
3	in Israel is that the Premier League started
4	a lawsuit several years ago against a service
5	that was persistently and chronically pirating
6	their soccer matches.
7	They did not know the they do
8	not know the identity of the people or the
9	entity behind it, so the case is captioned
10	"Premier League versus Anonymous."
11	And in the Tel Aviv District Court
12	there were two opinions issued. The first
13	opinion which was not given any legal effect
14	was that the matches were not subject to
15	copyright.
16	That is obviously an incorrect
17	decision as a matter of U.S. copyright law and
18	under Israeli copyright laws we see it under
19	treaties.
20	The judge, then, kind of retracted
21	that decision and the decision that is now up
22	to appeal at the Israeli supreme court held

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1	that it's a fair use to retransmit live the
2	entirety of a Premier League soccer match or,
3	I should say "matches," because it just goes
4	on and on.
5	And, like I said, that's up on
6	appeal in the Israeli supreme court, and I
7	believe the oral argument the argument
8	before the court is next month.
9	The Israeli government has taken a
10	public position against this decision at the
11	district court level. The Israeli government
12	advisor, which I understand is their
13	equivalent of attorney general or solicitor
14	general here in the U.S., filed a memorandum
15	of law arguing why sports telecasts deserve
16	copyright protection as much as any other
17	cinemagraphic work and why and how if, if
18	these rights were not enforced in this case,
19	Israel might run afoul of its treaty
20	obligations.
21	MR. McCOY: Well, very good.
22	Thank you very much for making the trip today

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1	and for sharing with us your perspectives on
2	this problem.
3	As I I don't think you were
4	here when I mentioned this at the outset, but
5	because you mentioned the notorious markets
б	list, I'll just repeat that the notorious
7	markets list that came out yesterday, our
8	intention is not to duplicate that list again
9	in the report that comes out at the end of
10	April, but to continue the process as an out-
11	of-cycle review, so that would mean we would
12	do a new request for comments later in the
13	year with a view to a new out-of-cycle review
14	in the period between Special 301 Reports.
15	But, thank you very much for your
16	input today. It's much appreciated, and your
17	insights. And I believe, Mike, that brings us
18	to the end of the schedule for today.
19	MR. MELLIS: Thank you all very
20	much.
21	MR. McCOY: Thank you.
22	So, we have nothing further by way

Page 235 1 of announcements here except to thank you all 2 once again for your participation in this process, and to let you know that the chair of 3 this Special 301 process and the organizer of 4 5 today's hearing, Paula Pinha, is sitting 6 immediately to my left, and she can be your --7 she can be your target for all praise and 8 complaint. 9 But I want her to be, first, the target of my praise for her considerable 10 efforts in putting together this hearing 11 12 Thank you very much. today. Thank you to all the members of 13 14 the Subcommittee for your time and attention today, and taking time out of what I know are 15 very busy schedules, to hear from members of 16 17 the public about the important process before 18 us. 19 And, thank you to all the members 20 of the public and representatives of industry 21 organizations. I will remind you one more 22 time that posthearing briefs are completely

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1	optional.
2	They may be submitted until five
3	p.m. on March 9th, 2011. Your posthearing
4	briefs should be sent electronically via
5	www.regulations.gov, Docket Number USTR-2010-
б	0037.
7	Please put the term "2011 Special
8	301 Review" in the typed comment and upload
9	field on www.regulations.gov.
10	Thank you very much and have a
11	good day.
12	(Whereupon, the meeting was
13	concluded at 2:38 p.m.)
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