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# Tony Abbott encouraging copyright legislation input

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Mississauga MP and Federal Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Tony Abbott, last week released a special study proposing revisions to Canadian copyright legislation.

Prepared by consultants, the study is entitled "Copyright in Canada: Proposals for a Revision of the Law". It is the third in a series of working papers

released as part of a review of Canada's intellectual property legislation dealing with patents, trade marks, copyright and industrial design.

"This paper does not present the views of the government or of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada, but it does provide a solid foundation for dialogue concerning possible copyright law revision,"

Abbott noted.

Although the copyright law, "which provides a means for government to grant controlled exclusive rights to creators and owners of copyright, is originally reflective of a printing technology," Abbott stated, "its principles must be adapted to a communications technology."

The study advances proposals for a revision of the Canadian copyright law.

"My goal," Abbott said, "is a new copyright law that will achieve an equitable balance among varied interests and that will significantly contribute to the continued intellectual and economic growth of our society."