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Ms. Marideth J. Sandler  
Executive Director  
Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Program  
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative  
600 17th Street, NW, Room 403  
Washington, DC 20508

Re: Russia GSP IPR Review  
Case: 018-CP-05

To the GSP Subcommittee:

The International Intellectual Property Alliance (IIPA) and its member associations take this opportunity to reiterate our request that the United States government immediately suspend Russia's eligibility for any duty-free trade benefits that it enjoys under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program, due to Russia's failure to provide adequate and effective protection to U.S. copyrights.

Our request today repeats identical requests we made in our February 13, 2006 Special 301 submission as well as our March 1, 2006 and June 2, 2006 letters to the GSP Subcommittee. We have provided the interagency with numerous updates on the lack of progress being made in Russia on continuing rampant piracy, ineffective copyright enforcement and the dangers of proposed legislative reform to the Civil Code. There simply is no justification for continuing to give trade benefits to a country which fails to comply with the terms of the GSP trade program.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Schwartz  
on behalf of IIPA