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Minister,

AMENDING VIDEO RECORDINGS ACT

We urge you to take this opportunity to liberalise this draconian law (the strictest control in the Western World).

Protection of minors should not preclude mail order sales of DVDs classified as "R18". English law imposes no such prohibition regarding other items which are unsuitable for children. (Nor does any other European Union country). Mail order sales to adults should therefore be legalised under the new Act.

In addition, DVDs with foreign language dialogue should be classified free of charge. This is necessary because their limited United Kingdom market makes it unviable for distributors to pay the high fees charged by the British Board of Film Classification. This unjustly deprives ethnic minorities in this country of access to material from their countries of origin.

Yours,
E. Goodman
Chair of CAC.