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Mr. David Kaye  
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection  
of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

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Dear Mr. Kaye,

Thank you for your letter of April 17, 2018, concerning the application received by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to “disable on-line access to piracy sites.” I apologize for the delay and I deeply regret the time that has passed.

The application was filed with the CRTC by a coalition of media companies on January 30, 2018. The CRTC posted the application on its website for comment in accordance with its rules of practice and procedure. A large number of individuals and organizations filed comments. I also note that you filed comments directly with the CRTC in a letter dated March 29, 2018. Thank you for providing a substantive intervention to inform consideration of this issue.

The process closed, and on October 2, 2018, the CRTC issued a decision denying the application. Further detail is available on the CRTC’s website at [www.crtc.gc.ca](http://www.crtc.gc.ca).

Canada remains committed to constructive engagement with the international human rights system and views the Special Procedures mandate holders as a key element of a robust international human rights monitoring and implementation system.

Sincerely,

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