Internet piracy has become so popular that 70% of people claim they see nothing morally wrong with downloading illegal music and movies. Unfortunately, Internet piracy is not just a moral issue, but also a global economic and social epidemic. The more the Internet grows and expands, the more people are nonchalant about violating intellectual property rights.

The purpose of copyright is to ensure that artists, producers, studios etc. will be able to claim their profits. If action is not taken against Internet piracy, our generation will be the last to enjoy music and other artistic productions because studios and companies will no longer be able to support themselves. People are less likely to invest, or buy creative works if that work can be copied and resold by third parties.

Intellectual property is defined as “intangible property that is the result of creativity.” Luxembourg is very proactive with IP standards and participates in all the major IP meetings, and attends every IP treaties and conventions such as the Bern convention and the Patent Cooperation treaty. The Internet has become a gateway for the exploitation of other people’s intellectual property. File sharing and illegally downloading music and movies is a pressing issue that should be WIPO’s main focus. Companies all over the world are loosing millions every year because of Internet piracy, so legislation needs to be passed in order to compensate for their losses.

Luxembourg’s software piracy is at 20%, one of the lowest rates in the world. According to the Eight Annual BSA Global Software 2010 Piracy study, WIPO needs to conduct enforcement programs that will help it’s members fight intellectual property theft by taking legal action against marketable, end-user license infractions, counterfeiting operations, and Internet piracy. Global findings on piracy and its economical influence need to be available to the public in order to help outline national and international policy responses. WIPO also needs to work with authorities around the world in order to ensure that intellectual property protection keep with new advancements in technology. Strong copyright laws are absolutely vital, but worthless without efficient enforcement that crosses international borders and extends to all stages. Very often, illegal use of intellectual property is not treated as seriously as other crimes. Countries need to elevate their enforcement of intellectual property. The UN needs to act fast on creating and enforcing ramifications against Internet piracy, as well as pass strict legislation in order to stop Internet piracy in its tracks.


