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### **Comments - Green paper on Copyright in the Knowledge Economy**

Reference is made to COM(2008) 466/3 Green Paper on Copyright in the Knowledge Economy.

The Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research would like to comment on some of the issues that are addressed in the mentioned Green Paper:

#### **Comments on questions 8-9:**

The Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research will emphasize the importance of the legal framework for Intellectual Property Rights taking due regard to technological progress and efficiency by being technology neutral and open to format shifting. Furthermore, provisions on copies should be made flexible.

#### **Comments on questions 19-21:**

The Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research holds in high regard licensing schemes with publishers in order to increase access to works for teaching or research purposes, and will stress the importance of national dispute resolution systems related to the licensing schemes.

The legal framework should to a great extent accommodate for modern forms of distance learning, and for the teaching and research exception to cover not only material used in classrooms or educational facilities, but also use of works for study or

research at locations outside the work-place.

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