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Corporation for’ commercial society’ as opposed to ‘non-profit-making association’.

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French collective and derivative works do not have the exact same definition than in USC. Sound recordings are not under derivative works in French Code. Shall we alter the definitions? Is sound recordings limited to recordings of music work or does CCPL intend to cover also generic recordings, also i.e. video recording on CDR or DVD? In the latter case, ‘recording’ instead of ‘sound recording’ has a broader scope regarding French classification of protected works.

Summary: generic French word for abridgment, condensation, abstract...

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Remuneration added to fit French generic terminology.

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