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PROSA SRL is an Italian company entirely devoted to Open Source software: all software we use, produce, or sell is Open Source. *Prosa* works with public institutions (like universities, Italian and Vatican), services and telecommunications industries and companies. *Prosa* also supports Open Source projects like "Software in the Public Interest" (www.spi-inc.org) and Debian (www.debian.org).

We eared that the European Union wants to change the legislation on software patents. We think that this kind of change is dangerous to company like Prosa, to their economical activity and research.

We think that Open Source Software is important for Europe and his economical and technological development. It is therefore really important to officially protect open source software research and development. The Open Source development process by a community of developers is very similar to scientific research. Since patents can not be enforced for scientific research, patents should not be enforceable for production of Open Source software.

We would like to thanks to who gaved us the possibility to express our perplexity and reasons who make us think that this project is dangerous to the European Union.

Paolo Didone' and Giacomo Cecchin rappresent *PROSA srl* and they're free to contact to discuss this problem.

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