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"The European Commission (EC) on Monday rejected requests to rewrite the CIID which could seriously damage open source software development in Europe, according to a legal expert, Jeremy Mark Malcolm."

"It may perhaps stop some of the development that is going on in Europe on open source. You may find that some people developing software over there will have to stop doing it because of the threat of being sued over patent violations," said Malcolm.

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