

# Slovenia freezes ACTA ratification

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Protestors hold a banner during a protest against the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) in downtown of Sofia, Bulgaria, in February 2012.

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"We have decided to freeze the ratification since the debate on ACTA is continuing within the European Union," government spokesman Anze Logar told journalists.

"It would be senseless to prejudge the outcome of that debate."

Slovenia's former centre-left government was among the 22 nations of the 27-member European Union to sign the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement in January, before a new government took over.

The United States, Japan and Canada were also among the signatories.

In February, the [European Commission](#) asked the European Court of Justice to rule on the legality of the controversial treaty covering copyright, counterfeiting and [Internet freedom](#).

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