

*CONCLUSIONS
of the Sixteenth Session of the SCCR*

prepared by the Chair

Protection of audiovisual performances

The outcome of the deliberations in the course of the sixteenth session of the SCCR will be reported to the General Assembly.

The delegations who took the floor expressed their willingness to take up further discussions on the substance, with the aim of finding a way forward. Some delegations stressed the importance of finding a way to resolve the outstanding substantive issues.

The Secretariat was requested to prepare a factual document summarizing the outcome of the activities organized in accordance with the request of the General Assembly and a stocktaking of positions of members of the SCCR.

The Secretariat will continue to organize seminars on the regional and national level, and was requested to organize an information meeting in the context of the next session of the SCCR.

The matter will be maintained on the agenda of the next session of the SCCR.

Exceptions and limitations

Brazil, Chile, Nicaragua and Uruguay presented a proposal, which elaborated further the proposal by the Delegation of Chile (SCCR/13/5). Many of the delegations who took the floor supported the proposal in whole or in part. Other delegations expressed support or opposition to specific elements in document SCCR/13/5. Several delegations requested to be given more time to study the new proposal. Several delegations underlined the need for speedy action to improve the access of visually impaired persons to protected works.

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The Secretariat was requested to make, in addition to the existing study reports, a study on exceptions and limitations for the benefit of educational activities, including distance education and the trans-border aspect in it.

The Secretariat was requested to organize, in conjunction with the next session of the SCCR, an informative session on existing and forthcoming studies.

The Committee will consider a more detailed work plan on this item in its next session including the organization of seminars on regional and national level.

The matter will be maintained on the agenda of the next session of the SCCR.

Protection of broadcasting organizations

The delegations who took the floor expressed their support in continuing the work on this item in consonance with the mandate of the General Assembly, and many delegations showed their interest towards the conclusion of a treaty.

The Chair will prepare an informal paper, based on the mandate of the General Assembly, rendering his understanding of the main positions and divergences, to be dealt with in the next session of the SCCR.

The matter will be maintained on the agenda of the next session of the SCCR.

Future work of the Committee

Many delegations expressed their will to tackle and accelerate unfinished business first. Several delegations suggested items for future work. Many delegations expressed a wish to receive further clarification of such proposal before making a decision. Other delegations suggested that the SCCR focus on limitations and exceptions as a priority. Several delegations also expressed the view that the items should be dealt with in a balanced way, and an excessive workload of the Committee should be avoided.

Consideration on the future work and the work plan of the Committee will continue in the next session of the SCCR, on the basis of the outcome of the discussion in the present session.

Next session of the SCCR

The next session of the SCCR will be convened from November 3 to 7, 2008