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ACCREDITATION OF A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

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1. The Annex to this document contains information on a non-governmental organization, which has requested to be granted *ad hoc* observer status in sessions of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR), according to the SCCR's Rules of Procedure (see document SCCR/1/2, paragraph 10).

2. *The SCCR is invited to approve the representation in sessions of the Committee of the non-governmental organization referred to in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

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ANNEX

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS REQUESTED
REPRESENTATION AS OBSERVER IN SESSIONS OF
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Yale Information Society Project (ISP)

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The Information Society Project (ISP) at Yale Law School was founded in 1997 in order to study the implications of the Internet and the new information technologies on law and society. It is an intellectual center for scholarship and policy analysis of a new age in which telecommunications and intellectual property are the central determinants of the structure of society, the development of human culture and democratic legitimacy. Consistent with the traditions of the Yale Law School, the ISP focuses on the deeper social and technological challenges of the information society, looking beyond the conventional frameworks of black letter law. Its growing network of affiliated world-renowned professors, ambitious young fellow/scholars, and top law students has created an environment in which deep and thoughtful questions about law and technology can be posed and answered.

The ISP regularly publishes white papers, policy briefs, and reports with empirical research and in a variety of analytic methods. These publications continue to be influential in both academic and policy circles and generate a great deal of traffic on the website of the Project. The ISP is planning a series of country studies executed in cooperation with partners in academic and NGO institutions from developing countries. These studies will investigate how various A2K policies work in different countries with different development experiences.

The heart of the Information Society Project is its post-doctoral fellows and students, who remain continually in touch with new developments in technology law. The ISP's think-tank atmosphere brings the fellows together to discuss emerging issues with visiting experts in a weekly speaker series lunch, critique each others' papers in a monthly workshop, and lead semester-long reading groups together with JD students. The ISP fellows collectively publish an impressive body of work in law reviews, in scholarly white papers, and in policy briefs. ISP fellows go on to become leaders in law and technology as academics, working in government, or as lawyers for industry leaders. ISP-led courses, projects, and workshops integrate Yale law students into the exploration of new problems in collaboration with departments across the Yale campus.

The ISP is particularly interested in observing the upcoming SCCR in which the Treaty on the Protection of the Rights of Broadcasting Organizations will be discussed. At a Yale Law School course called the Access to Knowledge Practicum co-taught by Eddan Katz, Executive Director of the ISP and Jack Balkin, Knight Professor of Law and Director of the Yale ISP, it has been working on a project focusing on the proposed Broadcast Treaty. It has been exploring a legal analysis of comparative regulatory frameworks for the protection of broadcasting organizations. It intends to continue this work in the spring session of the A2K Practicum.

The Project is primarily active in the United States of America, but it has also international affiliates and partners in Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Russia, South Africa, and Spain.

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