

Informal Consultations on the Protection of Broadcasting Organizations

Geneva, April 14 and 15, 2011

Chair's Report for Consideration of SCCR/22

Document submitted by the Chairman

Further to the conclusions of SCCR/21 (November 8 to 12, 2010), an informal consultation meeting of Members, involving technical experts, on the protection of broadcasting organizations was held in Geneva on April 14 and 15, 2011, with the mandate to clarify outstanding technical and technological issues, relevant for the updated protection of the broadcasting organizations in the traditional sense, by following the signal-based approach and to report its suggestions to the next session of the Committee, which will take place from June 15 to 24, 2011.

The consultation was opened by the Director General and Ms. Alexandra Grazioli from Switzerland was elected Chair. The technical and technological issues relevant to the updated protection of broadcasting organizations were considered by two panels of experts and Member States, in the form of presentations and an exchange of views with the experts to clarify the objectives, specific scope and object of protection of the draft treaty.

The new proposals of Canada, Japan and South Africa were presented by the respective delegations. Questions on the new proposals were posed by Member States and non-governmental organizations, and answers and clarifications were provided.

Based on those presentations and exchanges of views, the Chair will prepare a non-paper for SCCR/22 setting out possible elements for a draft treaty. She will take into account SCCR 15/2, which dates from 2006, and inputs provided by the technical experts participating in the informal consultation meeting, on the basis of the 2007 GA mandate (objectives, specific scope and object of protection) but aiming for a technology-neutral approach. The non-paper will be made available in advance of the next session of the SCCR, which will take place from June 15 to 24, 2011.

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