Mister Chairman,

Uganda is honored to make this statement in its National capacity.

1. From the onset, Uganda fully aligns itself with the statement made on behalf of the African Group.

2. Uganda commends the Secretariat for its preparation of a detailed and informative report on the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) contained in document WO/GA/51/5 Rev.

3. Uganda further appreciates the dedication and professionalism exhibited by the Chair and Vice Chairs in guiding the important work of the SCCR.

Mister Chairman,

1. Focusing on the main topics of the Committee’s agenda, the proposed international instrument or instruments, on limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives, limitations and exceptions for educational, research institutions, and museums, and for persons with other disabilities, is of particular importance to our country. These exceptions and limitations can promote education and equality of access to learning materials in the country.

   We are therefore hopeful that this General Assembly will give appropriate direction to the SCCR to enable the Committee to conclude its work on limitations and exceptions in the near future.

Mister Chairman,

2. Uganda fully supports a balanced work program of the SCCR to accommodate the diverse interests of all member states.

   In line with this as I conclude Mr. Chair, Uganda commends the tremendous support we received from WIPO in particular the Copyright Development Division towards the consultative workshop on the domestication of the Marrakesh Treaty.

Thank you