

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Following the instructions in the guide for delegates, and in line with the request made in the registration form, please find below the texts of statements by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. If there is time to talk, please do share these with the interpreters to facilitate interpretation. Otherwise, these can be read into the minutes:

**ITEM 5: General Statement**

Thank you, I am speaking on behalf of IFLA, representing 2.5 million libraires globally.

First of all, I would like to share our condolences for the passing of Carole Croella – her dedication and professionalism did huge credit to WIPO and to the UN as a whole.

I would also like to thank Dr Gurry for his leadership, insights and support, and to wish you well in the future.

COVID-19 has shown that we need rules that work in the digital age, allowing libraries to support education, research and culture online as well as off. We of course welcome the goodwill shown by rightholders. But voluntary actions cannot substitute for the clarity and certainty that legislative action can offer. WIPO has a unique power to make this happen, helping governments and stakeholders alike.

Thank you.