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Agenda item 13. Report on the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR)

I am speaking on behalf of Electronic Information for Libraries that works with libraries in developing and transition economy countries.

I will make two points.

First, the COVID pandemic has shown the need for clear copyright rules that support online education, research and digital access to library collections for people everywhere.

To address these issues, SCCR should accelerate its work on limitations and exceptions in three priority areas: online learning, text and data mining, and digital preservation.

Second, due to the pandemic, global human development is on course to decline for the first time in 30 years.

EIFL welcomes that WIPO will play a more active role in fostering the Sustainable Development Goals, and its membership of the UN SDG Group.

In particular, work on L&Es will help implement key SDGs on education, innovation, and protecting the world's cultural heritage.

We look forward to the resumption in 2022 of ordinary sessions of SCCR to work together on these issues.

Thank you.