

**Agenda Item 9 – Reports from WIPO Committees**

**(i) The Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR)**  
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Madam Chair,

1. The CEBS Group would like to thank the Chair of SCCR, Mr. Abdoul Aziz Dieng, and his Vice-Chairs for their excellent work during the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the Committee. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Deputy Director General, Ms. Sylvie Forbin, and the Secretariat for their work over the past year including the preparation of this General Assembly.
2. The 42<sup>nd</sup> session of SCCR was the first session open to fully-fledged in-person participation after 2 years. The implications of COVID-19 influenced different areas, including copyright and related rights. Bearing this in mind, we appreciated the information session on the impact of COVID-19, which clearly indicated how the pandemic affected the cultural, creative and educational ecosystems.
3. While taking note of the Report of the Committee, the CEBS Group would like to restate its longstanding position that our Group is committed to work towards convening of a diplomatic conference on adopting the Treaty for the Protection of Broadcasting Organisations.
4. We believe that we need a meaningful treaty that would reflect the digital environment and would meet the needs of broadcasting organisations. We would also like to emphasize that such Treaty should take into account different types of broadcasting developed thanks to the rapidly evolving technologies and should contain forward-looking provisions.
5. Therefore, we hope for the progress on developing an adequate and effective legal instrument and we favour the approach, which equally protects transmissions of broadcasting organizations over computer networks and reflects contemporary technological realities.
6. The CEBS Group welcomes the revised draft text of the Treaty for Protection of Broadcasting Organisations presented at the last SCCR, which tries to accommodate various positions of Member States and streamlines the previous proposal. We believe that on the basis of this new revised text the two SCCR meetings next year will allow us to engage into in-depth discussions in order to reach a common understanding on the outstanding issues and will lead us to a future-proof Treaty. We are looking forward to consider further revision of this text, which should be created by Chair, Vice-Chairs and Facilitators for the upcoming SCCR based on the comments and suggestions from delegations.
7. As regards the Committee's work on limitations and exceptions, the CEBS Group acknowledges the important role played by the libraries, archives, and museums, as well as the educational and research institutions, in social and cultural development of our society. It is also in the special interest of the CEBS Group that global copyright infrastructure will ensure access to works for the persons with disabilities. We noticed with

interest the proposed draft work program submitted by African Group and we would like to further explore some of the proposed steps, which could complement the evidence-based approach. We stand ready to examine a revised African proposal at next SCCR. We are also supportive of two agreed lines of actions, which include in particular the presentations on cross-border issues, a scoping study on limitations and exceptions on research and a tool kit on preservation.

8. Concerning the Committee's work on *Other matters*, we would like to reiterate the CEBS Group's support for inclusion of the Resale Right into agenda of the Committee as a standing item. We firmly believe that this important topic is highly relevant to the mandate of the SCCR.
9. Thank you.