

Agenda Item 9 (i)**Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR)****Doc. WO/GA/55/1**

Madam Chair,

1. We would like to thank the SCCR Chair, the SCCR Vice-Chair and the facilitators for the important work done to advance the negotiation process on the Treaty for the Protection of Broadcasting Organisations. The European Union and its Member States remain committed to progressing towards a worthwhile Treaty.
2. The revised draft text presented at the last SCCR, which simplifies and streamlines the previous proposal, ensures a good basis for our work. We hope the SCCR meetings next year will permit to advance the discussions on the text in order to ensure a meaningful, appropriate protection to the broadcasting organisations.
3. The European Union and its Member States attach importance to the support of cultural heritage, educational and research institutions and of people with disabilities, both in the analogue and digital worlds.
4. The EU and its Member States stand ready to continue to engage constructively under these agenda items. We are ready to continue the discussion on the proposal of the African Group for a Draft Work Program on Exceptions and Limitations and to engage with other WIPO Member States on the lines of action included in the Chair's Summary of the 42nd session of the SCCR.
5. However, as consistently expressed in the past, we cannot support work towards legally binding instruments at the international level. Our focus should be WIPO support and capacity building for WIPO members and improving their national legislation within the existing international copyright framework.
6. In terms of other agenda items, should the SCCR Agenda be expanded to cover additional items in the future we would recommend, as already indicated in the past, including the topic of the Author's Resale Right (*droit de suite*) on the permanent agenda of the SCCR.

Thank you.