

AGENDA ITEM 13(i)
REPORTS FROM WIPO COMMITTEES
CENTRAL EUROPEAN AND BALTIC STATES GROUP (CEBS)

WO/GA/56/5 – SCCR

Chair,

1. The CEBS Group would like to thank the Chair of SCCR, Mr. Thomas Owen Ripley, and his Vice-Chairs for their excellent work during the 43rd session of the Committee. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Deputy Director General, Ms. Sylvie Forbin, and the whole Team from the Secretariat for their work over the past year including the preparation of this General Assembly.
2. The 43rd session of SCCR and broad participation of the WIPO Members in the on-site discussions are the best measure for the importance attached by the WIPO Members to the matters undertaken by the Committee. We appreciate very much organisation of the Information sessions ahead of SCCR/43, which were very helpful in progressing on the work done by the Committee.
3. The CEBS Group takes note of the Report of the Committee. Let me also take this opportunity and express CEBS Members' commitment to the work towards conclusion of work on the work on the adoption of the Treaty for the Protection of Broadcasting Organisations. The work based on the Chair's Draft Text for the WIPO Broadcasting Organizations Treaty (document SCCR/43/3), serves as an effective approach to moving the work forward towards a meaningful treaty that should reflect the digital environment and contemporary needs of the broadcasting organisations.
4. While looking forward to the revision of the Chair's Draft Text for the WIPO Broadcasting Organization Treaty, which will address questions, comments and inputs made by Member states during SCCR/43, let me ensure of the CEBS group continued engagement in the work planned at SCCR/44, scheduled for November 2023. At the same time we would like to emphasize that the outcome of our work and the final Treaty should take into account different types of

broadcasting developed thanks to the rapidly evolving technologies and should contain forward-looking provisions.

5. The CEBS group would like to reemphasize the need for an effective legal instrument, ensuring equal protection of transmissions of broadcasting organizations over computer networks and reflects contemporary technological realities.
6. 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.
7. We take note of the adoption of the revised African Group's Proposal for a Draft Work Program on Exceptions and Limitations We are ready to further explore some of the proposed steps, which could complement the evidence-based approach. 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. We take note of the planes second session of SCCR planned and agreed by its Members for 2023, which is scheduled for November this year. Despite the heavy agenda of WIPO's work, which allowed for shorter SCCR meeting, on the exceptional basis, we believe that it should allow for making progress on the Committee's work. You can count on the CEBS members commitment and active engagement to ensuring progress of work within SCCR.

Thank you.