

Agenda Item 13 (i)
Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR)
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Delegation of Spain on behalf of the
European Union and its Member States

Madam Chair,

1. The European Union and its Member States remain committed to progressing towards a worthwhile Treaty for the Protection of Broadcasting Organisations. We are thankful to the SCCR Chair, the SCCR Vice-Chair and the facilitators for their work to review the draft Treaty and to present a second revised text at the SCCR in March. This text ensured a good basis to advance our discussions.
2. We would like to reiterate that the European Union and its Member States attach great importance to ensuring that the treaty responds to the technological realities of the 21st century. We stand ready to engage in further discussions on the text in order to ensure a meaningful, appropriate protection to the broadcasting organisations.
3. The EU and its Member States stand ready to continue to engage constructively in the discussions on Exceptions and Limitations, in particular on the basis of the Work Program agreed at the SCCR 43. We strongly believe that libraries, archives and museums play a crucial role in the dissemination of knowledge, information and culture, along with the preservation of our history. We also attach importance to the support of educational and research institutions and people with disabilities. 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.
4. 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.