

General statement by the delegation of the Republic of Armenia
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Mr. Chairman,

We would like to thank the Director General and the Secretariat for hard work in the preparation of this session, for flawless and inclusive official papers.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Francis Gurry on his effective leadership and looking forward to collaborating efficiently to further advance models of cooperation among the WIPO and its members.

On behalf of our Delegation I would like to sincerely congratulate all of us with the coming into force on September 30, 2016 the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who are Blind, Visually impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled to which the Republic of Armenia started the process of membership, as well as to the Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances.

And by talking about Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) I would like to highlight the significance and need of adoption of a new instrument on the protection of broadcasting organizations. This legal instrument should guarantee the necessary protection against any illicit use or illicit broadcasting by broadening the rights of broadcasting organizations. My delegation believes that it is necessary and urgent to establish adequate and effective protection for Broadcasting Organizations at the international level to fight against the unauthorized use of signals. As well we believe in the importance of exceptions and limitations for libraries and achieves, research and educational institutions.

This was one of the main reasons why the Republic of Armenia started the development of the new Copyright Law which was developed in cooperation with European colleagues and currently is in the circulation round among Armenian state bodies.

We are supporting actions of the Advisory Committee for Enforcement to construct improved understanding of the significance of effective IPRs implementation system and for raising awareness in this area.

Also the Delegation of the Republic of Armenia carefully studied the recommendations of the Internal Oversight Services of the UN and conclusions which are contained in its report. We

believe that an investigation carried out properly and its results are clear and exhaustive. In this regard we find this matter closed.

Finally, I would like to highlight that the Republic of Armenia will continue to productively collaborate with WIPO and its member states in solving all challenging IP problems.

In conclusion, the Delegation of Armenia would like to wish to all Member States to endorse a spirit of productive support and to attain optimistic and stable results regarding all matters throughout these Assemblies.