

Agenda item 11: Report on the SCCR

Thank you Mr. Chair,

First of all, we would like to express our appreciation for the meaningful discussion in the SCCR sessions since the last General Assembly. We also thank the SCCR chair, Mr. Moscoso, and the secretariat, for their diligent efforts toward the progress of the discussion.

As for the protection of broadcasting organizations, we made a fruitful discussion on substantial issues based on the consolidated text prepared by the chair, and made certain progress toward a common understanding on these issues. Since we are longing for the adoption of the broadcasting treaty at the earliest opportunity, we hope that further progress will be made in order to convene a Diplomatic Conference to adopt the treaty. Japan is keen to contribute to further substantial progress to achieve the common goal.

With regard to the issue of exceptions and limitations, it is essential to ensure an appropriate balance between the interest of rights holders and the accessibility to works. We believe that each member state should be given flexibility to take measures within the existing international framework in light of their domestic situation. We hope that the discussion on this issue will focus on the sharing of national experiences and practices.

Finally, we would like to express our congratulations on Ms. Sylvie Forbin's election as Deputy Director General, Copyright and Creative Industries Sector.

Thank you Mr. Chair.