

Japan's intervention at 59th WIPO Assemblies (Sep 30th-Oct 9th, 2019)

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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

At the outset, the delegation of Japan would like to express our appreciation for the meaningful discussion in the SCCR sessions since the last General Assembly. We also commend Mr. Daren Tang, for his outstanding leadership, and the DDG Sylvie Forbin and the secretariat, for their diligent efforts over the years in advancing the discussion.

We recognize that some progress has been made in regard to the protection of broadcasting organizations, based on fruitful discussions. We welcome the recommendation that was made to the WIPO General Assembly, as agreed at the last SCCR.

We recognize that a consensus on the fundamental issues including specific scope and object of protection and rights to be granted, has not been reached yet at this stage. Therefore, this delegation hopes that further discussion will be made in order to reach consensus on the fundamental issues and to conclude this longstanding agenda item of the Committee early. Japan is willing to contribute to further substantial progress to achieve the common goal.

Concerning Exceptions and Limitations, it is essential that we work to achieve an appropriate balance with balancing the interest of rights holders and the interests of the general public. In this sense, the three-step test has worked well as a properly balanced international standard. The member states have established balanced and suitable exceptions and limitations based on the test with taking into account the respective social and cultural backgrounds in every country. Under the circumstances, we hope that the discussion on this issue will focus on the sharing of national experiences and practices and we welcome the progress on the action plans and holding regional seminars.

Finally, we would like to contribute to further discussions in the SCCR in a constructive manner.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.