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While text-based negotiations at the WHO and WTO are often shrouded by a veil of secrecy, WIPO is often seen as more open and transparent. That said, during informal negotiations, WIPO has established practices where NGOs attending some meetings, such as the IGC or the SCCR, can listen to informals, but are not permitted to report anything on social media. As more and more of the negotiations take place in this manner at WIPO, the public has no way to understand the issues that are being debated in secret.

We ask that WIPO change policies and adopt Chatham House rules for informals, so NGOs can at least report on what is said, while not divulge the source.

Trust in international institutions is at an all time low. Greater transparency will improve the public's understanding and respect for the work at WIPO.