



Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

Statement by Pakistan at the Sixty-Fourth Series of Meetings the WIPO Assemblies under Agenda Item 13(i): Report on the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR)

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Thank you, Madam Chair,

We align ourselves with the statement delivered by Indonesia on behalf of the APG.

We welcome conclusion of work on the Broadcasting Treaty and look forward to a transparent process, open to all member states, in the finalization of a draft treaty. We underline the need for further deliberations on a demonstrated need for the creation of a new set of exclusive rights for broadcasters, cable casters and webcasters and to adequately develop a full understanding of their impact on the public, educators, existing copyright holders, online communications and new internet technologies. We also call attention to i) the necessity of mandatory exceptions and limitations, ii) further expansion of the work on limitations and exceptions, in particular for online education and iii) the need to protect the rights of creators and innovators.

With the advent of new technologies, the connotation of terminologies such as ‘fixation’ and ‘signals’ have changed drastically. My delegation reaffirms its support for an overarching binding international instrument which encompasses technological advances and their implications, including digital utilization of copyrighted material, to resolve the systemic issue of exceptions and limitations.

In this regard, my delegation reiterates its support to the revised work program proposed by the African Group which was approved in March 2023 as an important basis for guiding the future work on the draft treaty.

I thank you.