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Statement by Salman Khalid Chaudhary, Second Secretary, under Agenda Item 9 (i): the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) at the Sixty-Third Series of Meetings of Assemblies of WIPO

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Thank you, Madam chair,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by APG.

My delegation supports the work of SCCR.

While we support an early conclusion of the Broadcasting Treaty, my delegation urges that the process of development of the draft treaty should be transparent and open to all Member States. Additionally, before creating a brand-new set of exclusive rights for broadcasters, cable casters and webcasters, there should be a demonstrated need for such rights and a clear understanding of how they will impact the public, educators, existing copyright holders, online communications, and new Internet technologies. In the draft treaty, it would also be essential that adequate attention is paid to a) the importance of mandatory exceptions and limitations, b) further evolution of limitations and exceptions, especially for online education c) the need to protect the rights of creators and innovators.

My delegation renews its call for a binding international umbrella instrument to resolve the systemic issue of exceptions and limitations which also captures the technological advances including digital uses of copyrighted material.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our support for the proposal by the African Group for a draft Work Program on exceptions and limitations. We look forward to a positive decision on this agenda at the next SCCR session in 2023.