



National Statement by Pakistan
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APG statement Agenda item 6: Limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives and Agenda item 7: Limitations and exceptions for educational and research institutions and for persons with other disabilities

Thank you Madam Chair,

Pakistan appreciates the overview of past discussions under this agenda item and the preparatory efforts for this agenda item. We also appreciate the views shared by Member States on the Draft Implementation Plan on the Work Program on Limitations and Exceptions.

Pakistan believes that limitations and exceptions for libraries, archives, museums, educational and research institutions, as well as persons with other disabilities are of critical importance to ensure access to knowledge and the collective development of societies. The work of this organization on limitations and exceptions must also be viewed as a key measure for WIPO's development agenda and for achieving UN SDG 4 which aims to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all".

We retain our preference for a binding international instrument to address systemic issues pertaining to limitations and exceptions which, inter-alia, captures technological advances including digital uses of copyrighted material.

We also support working towards a consensus-based way forward towards finding a basis for continuing our future work on the Work Plan on Limitations and Exceptions. My delegation looks forward to engaging constructively with other Member States on this agenda.

I thank you.

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