

*DRAFT CONCLUSIONS OF THE SCCR*

*prepared by the Chair*

*Limitations and exceptions*

1. The Committee reconfirmed its commitment to expedite its work on the access of the blind, visually impaired and other reading-disabled persons to protected works.
2. The Committee expressed its appreciation for the Proposal by Brazil, Ecuador and Paraguay Relating to Limitations and Exceptions: Treaty Proposed by the World Blind Union (WBU). The proposal will be discussed at the nineteenth session of the SCCR after Member States have had time to analyze the proposal.
3. The Committee took note of the stakeholders' platform Interim Report, and encouraged the Secretariat to continue the work of the platform and report on its activities during the nineteenth session of the SCCR. The Committee requested that the Secretariat explore possibilities for extra-budgetary funding to support the participation of stakeholders from developing countries.
4. The Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare an analytical document based on document SCCR/15/7: Study on Copyright Limitations and Exceptions for the Visually Impaired. The analytical document should identify the most important features of the limitations and exceptions for the visually impaired in national law and index the main legislative solutions in this regard.
5. The Committee invited delegations to send comments to the Secretariat regarding the draft questionnaire before July 15, 2009. Based on those comments, the Secretariat will present a revised questionnaire for final approval during the nineteenth session of the SCCR.
6. The Committee agreed that in relation to both visually impaired people and libraries and archives questions regarding the function of limitations and exceptions across borders should be added.
7. [Questions relating to digital technology in the field of copyright...]
8. [Questions relating to social, cultural and religious limitations and exceptions...]
9. The questionnaire shall enable governments to furnish any other information regarding limitations and exceptions in their national laws that they might consider pertinent.

10. The Committee took note of the supplementary information sent by Member States regarding the WIPO studies on limitations and exceptions presented in the context of the seventeenth session of the SCCR.

[End of draft conclusions]

