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Thank you Madam President

At the outset, my delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished delegation of Algeria on behalf of the Africa Group.

My delegation thanks the SCCR for the report, and also thanks Ms Sylvie Forbin and the Secretariat for the preparation and presentation of the report.

Madam President, my delegation concurs with other delegations that the SCCR should continue with its work. On that note, my delegation takes note of the submission of the draft text on the protection of broadcasting organisations, and wishes to express the need for the SCCR to make concerted effort towards finalisation of the negotiations that have been ongoing for some time, with the aim of convening a diplomatic conference to adopt a treaty on this matter.

Furthermore, **Madam President**, my delegation calls upon the Committee to adopt concrete steps that will progress and finalise discussions on limitations and exceptions to copyright protection. Therefore, my delegation looks forward to the adoption of the draft program of work presented by the Africa group to form a basis upon which the Committee will advance its work on limitations and exceptions.

My delegation looks forward to the music conference organised for 43rd session of the SCCR.

Lastly, **Madam President**, my delegation reiterates its commitment to working with other member states to progress the work of the SCCR.

Thank you, Madam President