

Thank you, Chair,

IFRRO congratulates you on your appointment, and also the vice chairs on theirs which ensures Standing Committee (SCCR) deliberations taking place in a most constructive atmosphere.

IFRRO links together 125 member organisations in more than 60 countries, representing CMOs, so-called Reproduction Rights Organisations – RROs -, as well as creators' and publishers' in the text and image based sector.

IFRRO shares the goal of WIPO, its Member States, the visual impaired, creators and publishers in improving the access to intellectual property for people with reading impairment. IFRRO can support an instrument of the character of enabling legal environment as proposed by the EU, i.e. a joint recommendation, with content along the lines with what has been proposed by the EU and the US. We underline that this is based on the assumption that such a statement is clearly limited to one addressing the concerns of the print disabled. This being said, we do have comments to the proposals, including the details, both to the one put forward by the US and the EU proposal. We will come back to this at an appropriate moment. Parallel to this we will continue to lend our active and enabling support to the Trusted Intermediaries pilot project, which we hope will start up soon, focusing on the inclusion of developing and Least Developed Countries (LDC) in this pilot.

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