1. Thank you, Mr. Chair, for allowing IFRRO to take the floor; we take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election.

2. IFRRO is the main network for the Collective Management Organisations – CMOs - and authors and publishers organisations in the text and image sector, with 143 member organisations in some 80 countries worldwide. These organisations represent millions of authors and publishers of books, journals, newspapers, etc. The CMOs in the sector are referred to as RROs - Reproduction Rights Organisations. They exist on all continents, in small as well as big countries, in developed countries as well as those under development.

3. The copyright ecosystem has three main components: Primary markets, secondary markets and copyright exceptions. Each of these components is important – but they are not equally important.

4. The primary market consists of authors and their publishers operating in a competitive, commercial environment. They produce works, which are responsive to user needs. The secondary market includes uses administered by RROs, which facilitate user needs, copying practices, domestic laws, delivering benefits to all stakeholders in the value chain. The secondary market complements the primary market; it does not supplant it.

5. Exceptions and limitations to the exclusive rights of rightholders based on internationally agreed conditions may be appropriate in certain circumstances. However, limitations without remuneration to copyright holders should be limited to where the primary and secondary markets do not function properly.

6. We also agree with the numerous Member State delegations, which have stated that current international legal frameworks allow the introduction of appropriate exceptions and limitations in national legislation. For instance, as documented by the updated study by Kenny Crews, nearly all surveyed 186 countries have library exceptions and limitations, most of them multiple ones. Rather the challenge is their implementation.

7. IFRRO therefore maintains that the preferred outcome of the WIPO SCCR discussions on exceptions and solution is made up of a combination three elements:
   1) Experience sharing
   2) Capacity building programme - Demand driven, Coordinated by WIPO; with Stakeholder involvement through organisations such as IFRRO, IFLA, IPA, STM, and IAF, when required.
   3) Cooperation among governments, within and across continents, whatever is appropriate, and with possible involvement of WIPO and regional bodies such as ARIPO, OAPI and CERLALC

8. Unremunerated exceptions and limitations cannot respond to dynamic user requests for seamless uses of copyright text and image works the same way as agreements with authors, publishers and RROs.

9. With the aim of contributing to the sharing of information on how user access is provided by copyright holders and RROs, IFRRO organised a side event on Tuesday 9 December on Easy Access
to copyright text and image works in education. The presentations and material prepared for this event are available on the IFRRO website.

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