



IFRRO Statement at WIPO SCCR 26, 18 December 2013

1. IFRRO joins those who have congratulated you Mr. Chair on your election; we are confident that under your skilful leadership the discussions will be constructive, and we thank you for offering us the opportunity to make a contribution through a short statement.
2. IFRRO is the main network for the collective management organisations, and authors and publishers organisations in the text and image sector, with 141 member organisations in some 80 countries worldwide. These organisations represent several millions of authors and publishers to books, journals, newspapers, etc. The collectives 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. Current international conventions adequately provide for the establishment of relevant library exceptions in national legislation, such as reproduction for preservation purposes; there is no need for new international legal instruments to enable this.
4. In this respect, IFRRO wishes to draw attention to the Report from the comprehensive WIPO-commissioned study that was carried out by Professor *Kenneth Crews* in 2009. According to that survey, 128 of the 149 countries surveyed had, at the time of the survey, at least one statutory library exception that specifically permits libraries to make copies of copyright works under certain circumstances in connection with the performance of library services. There may very well be more countries that have included library exceptions in their national legislation today.

Most of the countries reported on in the Kenny Crew Report had multiple statutory library provisions. The limitations and exceptions supported preservation and replacement of materials, and, at least, reasonable *in situ* access to materials.

5. Moreover, IFRRO and RROs, as well as authors and publishers and their representatives, have a long term experience in collaborating with libraries and their representatives in developing practical solutions to challenges that libraries may face. This includes solutions to digitise and make available orphan works and works that are no longer being commercialised by authors and publishers.
6. Sharing of experiences, both in the wording of library and archive exceptions and practical solutions seems to IFRRO to be the most appropriate way to enhance the performance of library and archive services. IFRRO will be prepared to contribute to such sharing of best practices.
7. We also realise that capacity building will be required in a number of countries. Stakeholder organisations, whether they are RROs or represent authors, publishers and libraries have vast experience to be shared. IFRRO will offer to contribute, as appropriate and required, to capacity building programmes directed towards libraries and archives that the SCCR, WIPO or any WIPO Member States would request.