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AGENDA ITEM 4: PROTECTION OF AUDIOVISUAL PERFORMANCES

REPORT ON THE REGIONAL CONSULTATION OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN
AND BALTIC STATES ON THE PROTECTION OF AUDIOVISUAL PERFORMANCES,
HELD IN GENEVA, ON APRIL 10, 2000

*submitted on behalf of Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia
Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia**

* Received on April 11, 2000

1. In the Regional Consultation, the following countries were represented: Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.
2. Concerning the topic of the Agenda of the fourth session of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights, which is mentioned in document SCCR/3/11, paragraph 129, subparagraph (a)(i), the country representatives reiterated their commitment to further modernization and update of the protection of audiovisual performances. According to their view, modernization and update of the protection of audiovisual performances should not be postponed again, in particular due to the fact that it has been postponed repeatedly since the adoption of the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty in 1996 and due to the Resolution adopted at the end of the 1996 Diplomatic Conference, which called for the adoption of an Audiovisual Protocol before the end of 1998. It is the opinion of represented countries that immediate action is required in order to convene a Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of an international instrument on the Protection of Audiovisual Performances. In this context, represented countries expressed their readiness to proceed towards a successful Diplomatic Conference in December 2000.
3. As far as the form of the possible instrument is concerned, represented countries are of the opinion that the form of a Protocol to the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty will best serve as a basis for discussions at the Diplomatic Conference, to be held in December 2000.
4. As far as the contents of the possible Protocol are concerned, the represented countries maintain their position as mentioned in document SCCR/3/10. Moreover, they generally are of the opinion that the Diplomatic Conference should be held in December 2000 and therefore, without a compelling reason, discussions should not be re-opened on those issues in respect of which the member States of the Standing Committee seem to have reached an agreement. Therefore, they would welcome further clarification from those countries which propose a solution concerning the application in time of the possible instrument in a manner different from the one used in Article 22 of the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty.

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