

Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights

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Accreditation of Certain Non-Governmental Organizations

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1. The Annex to this document lists a non-governmental organization, which has requested to be granted observer status in sessions of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR), according to SCCR's Rules of Procedure (see document SCCR/1/2, paragraph 10).

2. The SCCR is invited to approve the representation in sessions of the Committee of the non-governmental organization referred to in the Annex to this document.

[Annex follows]

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS REQUESTED REPRESENTATION
AS OBSERVER IN SESSIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COPYRIGHT AND
RELATED RIGHTS (SCCR)

Istanbul Bilgi University Intellectual Property Law Research Center (BILFIM)

BILFIM is a non-profit academic research institution established in April 2007 within the Istanbul Bilgi University. BILFIM works in the area of intellectual property law, with a focus mainly on copyright law. BILFIM gives priority to research on the compatibility of Turkish copyright law with European and international law, and cooperates with government authorities working in this area. BILFIM organizes conferences and seminars to provide academic support for the development of Turkish copyright law and to increase awareness on the importance of copyright protection.

The main aims of BILFIM are the following: conducting research in the field of intellectual property law; providing education; organizing conferences and seminars; forming a bridge between the academia and legal practitioners, including lawyers, judges and prosecutors; increasing the awareness on the importance of intellectual property protection and intellectual property law.

BILFIM has been very active in the field of copyright law in Turkey, and has established a close network among collecting societies, lawyers working in the field of IP law and relevant governmental authorities. Due to its activities, BILFIM has gained a recognized position as a center for the discussion of copyright law issues in Turkey.

BILFIM believes that an international approach is necessary to improve the standards of legal protection and to keep the balance between authors' rights and public interest.

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