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Preparatory Committee of the Diplomatic Conference to Conclude a Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities

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DRAFT REPORT

prepared by the Secretariat

I. INTRODUCTION

1.   The meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Diplomatic Conference to Conclude a Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities (hereinafter referred to as "the Preparatory Committee") was held in Geneva on February 22, 2013.

2.   The following States Members of WIPO were represented at the meeting:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Myanmar, Nigeria, Netherlands, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe (97).

3.   The European Union also participated in the meeting in an observer capacity.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.   The draft Agenda, as contained in document VIP/2/PM/1 Prov., was unanimously adopted.

III. CONSIDERATION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES REGARDING THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO CONCLUDE A TREATY TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO PUBLISHED WORKS BY VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES

5.   The Preparatory Committee adopted the revised document SCCR/25/2 Rev. as the Basic Proposal for the Substantive Provisions of the Treaty to be considered by the Diplomatic Conference, with pages 4 (General Clause), 19 and 20 (Article(s)) marked as follows: "Ad referendum: these elements of the treaty are the result of the SCCR session that met from February 18 to 22, 2013. This language has been tentatively agreed on by the delegations attending the session".

6.   The Preparatory Committee decided to convene an additional informal session of the SCCR to take place on April 18 and 19, 2013, and a special session of the SCCR to take place on April 20, 2013, to be followed by a meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS TO BE INVITED TO THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

7.   The Committee took note of document VIP/2/PM/2, which contained the list of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that had requested admission to attend the Diplomatic Conference as observers, since the meeting of the Preparatory Committee, on December 18, 2012, when the list of invitees to the Diplomatic Conference was approved (VIP/PM/4 and 6). The Delegations of Australia and Turkey expressed support for the applications for observer status at the Diplomatic Conference by the Australian Copyright Council and the World Disability Foundation.

8.   *The Preparatory Committee unanimously approved the inclusion of the Australian Copyright Council and the World Disability Foundation to the list of organizations to be invited to the Diplomatic Conference as observers.*

V. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

9.   Given the lateness of the hour, the Chair proposed that the Secretariat publish the draft report of the Preparatory Committee on the WIPO website within a week, and that the said draft report would be officially adopted at the Committee's meeting of April 20, 2013.

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