



SAINT LUCIA

## **REPORT ON THE CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING:**

- (a) Copyright limitations and exceptions for the  
visually impaired;**
- (b) The protection of audiovisual performances; and**
- (c) Any developments on the ratification of the  
Beijing and/or Marrakesh Treaties**

WIPO Regional Meeting for Caribbean  
Countries on the Beijing and Marrakech  
Property Treaties, November 23 and 24,  
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### REGISTRY OF COMPANIES & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#### **(a) Copyright limitations and exceptions for the visually impaired**

The Copyright Act, Cap. 13.07 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia (hereinafter, “The Act”) currently does not provide limitations and exceptions for the visually impaired.

#### **(b) The protection of audiovisual performances**

Sound recordings and films are included in the categories of protected works under section 6(1)(b) of the Act. Section 7(3) provides the qualifications for copyright protection. It states, “A sound recording or film qualifies for copyright protection if-

*(a) the maker thereof was a qualified person for the whole or a substantial part of the period during which the sound recording or film was made; or*

*(b) Having regard to section 4, if the sound recording or film has been published and the first publication took place in Saint Lucia or in a specified country.*

Section 7(4) further provides that, “Copyright does not subsist in a sound recording or film which is, or to the extent that it is, a copy taken from a previous sound recording or film.”

**(c) Any developments on the ratification of the Beijing and/or Marrakesh Treaties**

There have been no major developments towards ratification of the Beijing and/or Marrakesh treaties. Due consideration will be given in that regard. Saint Lucia welcomes the two-day workshop on the Beijing and Marrakesh Treaties to be held in Kingston, Jamaica, November 23 and 24, 2015 to assist in the progress towards the said ratification.

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