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General Statement of the CIEM/International Confederation of Music Publishers

Thank you Mr. Chair - I am speaking on behalf of ICMP - the International Confederation of Music Publishers. As the voice and point of reference of music publishers, the community of composers and songwriters they represent, and the library music sector, ICMP's mission is to promote copyright protection internationally. And in this regard, we are very pleased with the work of WIPO, and SCCR in particular, and we extend our thanks to the Director General and his team and congratulate you Mr. Chair on your appointment. We also offer our congratulations for the entry into force of the Marrakesh Treaty, and we look forward to our continued collaboration with WIPO and the Member States at SCCR, in the hope of finding equally practical solutions to the many normative issues which remain outstanding on the agenda. Thank you