Japan's intervention at 63th WIPO Assemblies (July 14<sup>th</sup>-July 22<sup>th</sup>, 2022) Agenda item 9 (i): Report on the SCCR (WO/GA/55/1)

Thank you, Madam Chair.

At the outset, the delegation of Japan would like to express its gratitude to the Chair, the vice-chairs, and the Secretariat of the SCCR for your continuous efforts toward the success of the SCCR sessions.

We consider the protection of broadcasting organizations to be an important and high-priority agenda item in the SCCR and we thank the Chair, the vice-chairs, and the facilitators for preparing the Revised Draft Text for the next step.

We, however, have some concerns about the current draft text. We believe that the process of submitting comments, views, and questions in writing on these concerns is a good way from the perspective of transparency. And we hope that all of the comments which have already been submitted by member states will be shared as soon as possible in the way that all member states can refer to.

We also recognize that the draft text will be revised on the authority of the Chair based on the comments submitted, and we expect that the next revised text will appropriately reflect the views and comments of each member state. Furthermore, we expect that the next revised text will be shared with each member state at a time that allows sufficient time for consideration.

We look forward to further discussions and we would like to contribute to the discussions in a constructive manner.

Thank you, Madam Chair.