



**International  
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**Statement on Broadcast Rights**

Thank you!

I speak on behalf of IFLA, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions.

Congratulations Mr. Chair on your election. Thank you for the floor and for your work, alongside the Secretariat, in preparing for and facilitating this session.

At IFLA, we count among our members institutions working to ensure the long-term survival of broadcast content, as a vital part of the historic record in diverse societies the world over. Technical and social challenges to preservation require flexibility in how institutions store, back-up, and engage with content.

At a minimum, it is vital to extend existing exceptions and limitations to any broadcasting rights, while the Committee can do better still by mandating core exceptions for public interest goals such as preservation and access for education and research purposes.

We therefore welcome the contributions of Indonesia, Canada, Trinidad & Tobago, and Peru, as well as Algeria & the African Group, the Dominican Republic & GRULAC, Singapore & the APG, Slovakia & CEBS, and others in calling for stronger consideration of the need for balance, in order to protect the work of libraries and other public interest institutions, and mitigate the risk that the content they preserve and to which they enable access might become functionally inaccessible.

We are happy to have heard today support for strong limitations and exceptions.

Thank you.

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