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**Public consultation on the impact of intellectual property regimes on the enjoyment of right to science and culture**

Dear Ms Shaheed,

On behalf of the World Broadcasting Unions (WBU), representing most of the world's broadcasting organizations, I have pleasure to submit the WBU views with respect to the abovementioned consultation.

As has been well and exhaustively documented, the misappropriation of broadcast signals on the Internet and elsewhere is rampant. The quantity and quality of services broadcasters are able to provide the public they are licensed to serve is suffering as a result. Therefore, we are engaged in a norm-setting process at WIPO to update the protection of broadcast organizations. The need to bring this proceeding to fruition expeditiously is critical.

We would very much appreciate that the WBU view is duly taken into account into your report and look forward to its publication and subsequent discussion.

Needless to say that we remain at your disposal in case you would need any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

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