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## European broadcasters welcome the progress achieved during the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR/42) on the Revised Draft Text for the WIPO Broadcasting Organizations Treaty and remain confident that a consensus is on the horizon for a robust international instrument in the near future

European broadcasters, through the Association of Commercial Television and Video on Demand Services in Europe (ACT), the Association of European Radios (AER), and the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), which represent both commercial and public service broadcasters as well as video-on-services operators, welcome the continued commitment of WIPO Member States to finalize their work on the WIPO Broadcasting Organizations Treaty.

European broadcasters would like to underline their need for an international instrument to protect them against piracy of their programme-carrying signal on a global scale.

The SCCR/42 meeting showed substantial advancement of the discussion and strong support towards a WIPO Broadcasting Organizations Treaty. ACT, AER, and EBU Members regret however that no consensus could be reached to hold a special technical session to discuss the WIPO Broadcasting Organizations Treaty in October this year.

ACT, AER, and EBU are confident that WIPO Member States will solve all outstanding issues following the publication of a new draft. They take this occasion to thank the facilitators and the WIPO Secretariat for their work, and they remain committed to support WIPO with their expertise and assistance to reach this goal.

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