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**INTERVENTION ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 13, by Trinidad and Tobago
THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS
(SCCR)**

Thank you Mr. Chairman for giving me the floor. In support of the statement made by GRULAC, the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago would like to applaud the tireless work of the SCCR.

We are pleased to announce that we are in the process of preparing the legislative framework to give effect to the extension of the duration of the term of copyright and neighbouring rights protection in Trinidad and Tobago to a seventy year period. This will redound to the benefit of our local authors and artistes in Trinidad and Tobago given our rich cultural and musical heritage inclusive of calypso music, soca music, and steelpan.

Our country applauds the focus of the SCCR as it relates to the protection of broadcasting organization, limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives, and limitations and exceptions for educational and research institutions and for persons with other disabilities. We hope that same will culminate into the conclusion of an international instrument for broadcasting in the near future.

We look forward to the ongoing work in this Committee. Thank you Mr. Chairman for giving me the floor.