

ACT welcomes progress made on WIPO broadcasters' treaty

Genève, **12 April 2013** - After the closing of the intersessional meeting of the Standing Committee for Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) at WIPO on 12 April, the ACT co-signed the following statement:

"We were happy to participate in the three-day intersessional meeting at WIPO. We welcome the conclusion by the chair of the meeting, Ms Alexandra Graziola of the Swiss Intellectual Property Office, that good progress was made towards agreeing the terms of a treaty updating the rights of broadcasters in their signals. We look forward to building on this progress at the next meeting of the SCCR later this summer, so as to meet the SCCR's commitment to work towards a Diplomatic Conference in 2014."

Signed by the following seven regional broadcasting associations, representing more than 2000 broadcasters all over the world:

ABU (Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union)
ACT (Association of Commercial Television in Europe)
AIR-IAB (International Association of Broadcasting)
AUB-UAR (African Union of Broadcasting)
EBU (European Broadcasting Union)
NAB (National Association of Broadcasters)
NABA (North American Broadcasters Association)

About the ACT:

The Association of Commercial Television in Europe (ACT) represents the interests of the commercial broadcasting sector in Europe. Formed in 1989, the ACT has 33 member companies licensed in 37 different European countries and distributed across 45 European markets and beyond. Our members operate several hundred free-to-air and pay-tv channels and distribute many more channels and new services. The ACT members encompass several business models: free-to-air broadcasters and pay-TV players, digital platform operators and multimedia groups. See www.acte.be.

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