



EVA Statement at WIPO SCCR 48 on Limitations and Exceptions for libraries and archives

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1. Thank you Chair
2. Visual artists, and other creative workers, significantly contribute to the world's cultural value and to national GDPs. Yet, the efforts and costs behind their creations are often overlooked.
3. Ensuring fair remuneration is essential to allow visual artists to sustain their creative work, especially since their livelihoods are already threatened by digital transformation and other concerns as unfair contractual practices. Limitations and exceptions should not be further extended to the point of interference with authors' rights.
4. Adequate public funding is key to striking the balance between authors interests and those of libraries and archives, enabling legal access and high-quality content. In turn, authors would get paid fairly.
5. We are confident that, through constructive collaboration and respect to the three-step test, it is possible to craft sustainable legal solutions that uphold the delicate balance of the international copyright framework.
6. Thank you for your attention.

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