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Dear Mr Tang,

On behalf of EIFL, we wish to offer our warm congratulations on your appointment as Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Your extensive knowledge of the practical workings of copyright law and policy, and experience of national copyright law reforms in Singapore, regarded by many as a model, are especially salient.

Since Singapore is a young, newly industrialized nation, we hope that you can provide a fresh focus on the importance of a balanced IP system in supporting economic, social and cultural development, and in WIPO's role supporting attainment of all the SDGs.

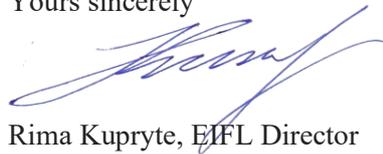
At WIPO you will be aware of the contribution of EIFL, and the global library community, in seeking progress towards positive outcomes at SCCR. In our view, a balanced, forward-looking perspective is essential so that the copyright system remains relevant in the 21st century, serving the needs of the whole of society, and ensuring that no country or region gets left behind.

In addition, EIFL has strongly supported implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty, and we were proud to be selected as a finalist for the 2020 ABC International Excellence Award for Accessible Publishing in recognition of our work. Marrakesh illustrates how the global copyright system can adapt, making a real difference to people's lives.

Finally, we are confident that under your leadership, WIPO will be able to respond positively to global challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, that has caused libraries around the globe to urgently shift operations online to support education, research and communities, bringing into focus the challenges of compliance with copyright laws.

We look forward to meeting you and your team at the earliest opportunity, and to working constructively in addressing these global challenges.

Yours sincerely



Rima Kupryte, EIFL Director

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