

SCCR/17/2) prepared by Kenneth Crews. The Secretariat was also asked to arrange for a study on limitations and exceptions for museums, with the understanding that its preparation would not delay discussion on the limitations and exceptions agenda item. These studies will serve as information resources for the Committee.

17. As to the topic of preservation, it was considered that in order to ensure that libraries and archives can carry out their public service responsibility for the preservation, including in digital form, of the cumulative knowledge and heritage of nations, limitations and exceptions for the making of copies of works may be allowed so as to preserve and replace works under certain circumstances.

18. As to the topic of the right of reproduction and safeguarding copies, concern was expressed regarding the scope of the concepts under consideration and the possible overlap with other topics. Suggestions were made to modify the title of the topic. The Committee considered that arrangements such as limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives, among others, may play an important role in allowing the reproduction of works for certain purposes, including research. Further discussion took place concerning the supply and distribution of those reproduced works.

19. As to the topic of legal deposit, Delegations expressed differing views on the need to address this topic within the framework of limitations and exceptions.

20. As to the topic of library lending, the Committee recognized the importance of addressing this issue and various Delegations suggested different alternatives for providing this service, including the use of limitations and exceptions, the exhaustion of rights, and/or licensing schemes. The Committee expressed different views on digital distribution in the scope of library lending.

21. The working document will be a basis for the future text-based work to be undertaken by the Committee in its 27th session.

Limitations and Exceptions: educational and research institutions and persons with other disabilities

22. The Committee considered the "Provisional working document towards an appropriate International Legal Instrument (in whatever form) on Limitations and Exceptions for Educational, Teaching and Research Institutions and Persons with Other Disabilities Containing Comments and Textual Suggestions", document SCCR/26/4 Prov., and took note of the modifications made by the Secretariat based on the suggestions made in the 25th session of the SCCR.

23. The Committee discussed and understood the importance of the subject of limitations and exceptions for educational, teaching and research institutions.

24. Different points of view were expressed with regard to the nature of the appropriate international legal instrument or instruments (whether model law, joint recommendation, treaty and/or other forms) referred to in the 2012 General Assembly mandate to the SCCR for text-based work. With regard to fulfilling that