

**FOR INFORMATION**

FOURTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Report of the 19th Ordinary Session of
the Intergovernmental Committee on the
International Convention for the
Protection of Performers, Producers of
Phonograms and Broadcasting
Organizations (Rome Convention, 1961),
(Paris, 27-28 June 2005)**

1. The Intergovernmental Committee, jointly administered by the ILO, UNESCO and WIPO, met in June 2005 at UNESCO headquarters. The report of the 19th Ordinary Session¹ provides information about ratifications of the Rome Convention (now over 80 countries) and related international copyright treaties. It also contains a summary of activities of the ILO, UNESCO and WIPO, including information on ILO sectoral meetings, publications and other activities in the media, culture, graphical sector, and co-organizing an International Forum on the Creative Industries in Salvador, Brazil (April 2005), with the Brazilian Government and UNCTAD.
2. The background papers presented by the three organizations to the 19th Session provided detailed information about ratifications of the Rome Convention and related international copyright treaties, and about their activities relevant to promoting the protection of performers, producers of phonograms and broadcasting organizations. The ILO text mentioned the Tripartite Meeting on the Future of Work and Quality in the Information Society (October 2004), technical assistance in small enterprise development and job creation in the cultural industries, assistance to performers' organizations, and publications on the cultural industries.
3. The main agenda items were an item relating to the future of the Rome Convention; and a proposal inviting UNESCO to undertake preliminary work on a "convention on broadcasting and the new technologies", at the request of India, which UNESCO's Director-General submitted to the 19th Session. Member States of WIPO are in the process

¹ Available in English, French and Spanish at http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=26018&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html; http://portal.unesco.org/culture/es/ev.php-URL_ID=26018&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html and <http://portal.unesco.org/culture/fr/ev.php-> .

of negotiating an international instrument on broadcasting, and another on audiovisual performances. The Committee examined the proposal of India, but in view of concern about duplication of work, it endorsed the continuation of efforts at WIPO, while encouraging UNESCO to become more actively involved in those negotiations.

4. The ILO will continue its involvement in WIPO discussions on the proposed instruments on broadcasting and on audiovisual performances. The Rome Convention is likely to receive further ratifications soon, and remains an important instrument. The next session of the Intergovernmental Committee will be held at WIPO, probably in late June 2009, while the ILO will host the subsequent session, in 2011 or thereabouts.

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Submitted for information.