



## **Broadcasting treaty – South Centre statement at SCCR 43**

Congratulations on your and of your vice-Chair election.

I deliver this statement on behalf of the South Centre Secretariat; it does not necessarily represent the individual or collective views of its 55 member States.

The digital environment poses many opportunities and challenges for multiple stakeholders.

We support the work towards finding adequate solutions for broadcasters against signal piracy.

We note with concern that the proposed text expands beyond the agreed mandate, under the approach of expanding exclusive rights to broadcasters with narrow limitations and exceptions (L&Es).

We are not convinced that there is sufficient evidence that this approach is required or that it would help address the problems identified by the broadcasters, in particular in developing countries, and we are concerned on the impact it could have on the balance of rights among copyright holders and users, development policies and the current digital divides.

Thank you.