

## **WSC Summaries and Conclusions**

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1. WTO Member countries must achieve greater improvements to their commitments in motion pictures and entertainment. Only nine countries assumed commitments to market access and national treatment in the Uruguay Round.
2. Technology changes continue to alter the way entertainment is provided. These changes, originally perceived as encouraging homogenization of language and culture, have actually served to enhance their preservation. Liberalization should be viewed with these developments in mind, as the current WTO services round moves to the negotiating stage.
3. Piracy remains a source of concern for the entertainment industries, and continued vigilance by government authorities is critical to keep piracy to an absolute minimum.