

**Canada's National Statement for the Assemblies of the  
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Madam Chair, on behalf of the Government of Canada, I wish to thank you for your commitment to our work. I assure you, and the Secretariat, of the full support of the Canadian delegation in making this meeting a success.

Madam Chair, I am pleased to report that this year Canada has made significant progress in modernizing its intellectual property framework. Since our September 2013 meeting, Canada has formally announced its intention to accede to the *Patent Law Treaty* and to the *Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks*, as well as join the Hague, Madrid and Nice systems. We have also amended the *Trade-marks Act*, bringing Canada closer to acceding to the three trademark instruments. This represents a significant step forward in supporting Canadian businesses operating internationally and those looking to expand to new markets as well as supporting businesses who wish to file in Canada. Throughout Canada's preparations for joining these treaties, WIPO has been very helpful. Thank you.

Madam Chair, I am also pleased to report that Canada has now ratified both WIPO Internet Treaties, and that these treaties came into force for Canada on August 13, 2014.

In addition, Madam Chair, Canada is proceeding with its new intellectual property rights enforcement legislation, the *Combating Counterfeit Products Act*, which seeks to amend the *Copyright Act* and the *Trade-marks Act* to strengthen the enforcement of the rights they protect.

Madam Chair, Canada is concerned that several committees were unable to agree on a recommendation to the General Assembly. Of particular concern is that some of those committees conduct beneficial work of a strictly technical nature, and not normative issues. In any event, Canada continues to assess each issue, each proposal on the basis of its own merits. Canada remains confident that positive and balanced results on the way forward can be achieved. Let us work

together, in 2015, toward the continued achievement of our Organization's fundamental objectives.

Moving to specific normative issues, Canada first welcomes the broad agreement on the draft Design Law Treaty's core substance. Although it is regrettable that our assembly is about to consider the convening of a diplomatic conference on this matter one more time, Canada believes that a design law formalities treaty is within reach.

Madam Chair, Canada remains fully committed to the work of the IGC. However, we believe that further work is required on the draft texts to address the gap in positions on key issues in this Committee especially on fundamental matters such as the objectives and the scope of protection. Canada believes that none of the three texts are sufficiently developed to proceed to a diplomatic conference. Still, Canada looks forward to continuing our negotiations at the IGC on the basis of a pragmatic work program that can help us pinpoint the right measures needed to address the issues at hand, and propel us toward reaching the mutually agreeable outcome we all seek.

On the subject of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights, Canada looks forward to continuing to make progress on the protection of broadcasting organizations, and to continue to work on limitations and exceptions consistent with the recommendations approved by the WIPO General Assembly in 2013.

Canada advocates for sound planning and reporting, and for results-based management, in all WIPO activities. It is from that same perspective that Canada is assessing the ongoing discussion regarding draft *Guiding Principles Regarding WIPO External Offices*.

Madam Chair, Canada is a longstanding contributor to WIPO technical cooperation activities. Since June 1997, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, or CIPO, has, in partnership with WIPO, organized and delivered annual specialized training courses for officials from developing countries. This year again, CIPO welcomed ten senior officials from intellectual property offices to participate in an intensive Workshop. The Workshop provided participants with insight into the Canadian intellectual property system and the management

techniques used at CIPO with a view to build the capacity of intellectual property offices in developing countries, and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and best practices.

Madam Chair, Canada is committed to the work and success of this Organization, and participates actively and constructively in its activities and deliberations. But we must recognize that this has been a difficult year for WIPO. Together, let us turn over a new leaf, and begin this new cycle with a renewed spirit of collaboration, and with a renewed focus on this Organization's fundamental objectives, for our common benefit.

Thank you.