

**STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF BARBADOS 2015
ASSEMBLIES OF WIPO MEMBER STATES**

Thank you Mr. Chairman

Wishes to congratulate you on your election.

The Barbados Delegation ^{here} is again pleased to attend these Assemblies and wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Director General, Dr. Francis Gurry for your continued outstanding leadership of this organization as well as for your report to the Assemblies. Our Delegation also wishes to thank the International Bureau for the hard work done during the year.

With respect to the Standing Committee on Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications and its meeting earlier this year as it relates to the use of Country Names as trademarks, it must be highlighted that for developing economies like Barbados' where a considerable effort has been made throughout the years in the development, maintenance and marketing of the uniqueness of our Country Name brand, this matter, as we have already pointed out is of significant importance to Barbados.

We wish to thank the International Bureau for the work that has been done so far on this matter and we look forward to the completion of further studies. We also wish to thank the Member States for their continued focussed and steadied deliberations so far, which are necessary for success to be achieved on this issue.

With regard to the work of The Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (the CDIP) this is being followed with interest and we wish to assure you of our continued support with respect to the work of this very important Committee.

As regards the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, being cognizant of the work that has been achieved so far after several years of negotiations, we strongly support the renewal of the mandate for the IGC.

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Barbados also supports the work of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights as it works towards the adoption of appropriate international instruments for the protection of broadcasting and cable casting organisations, limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives as well as limitations and exceptions for educational and research institutions and for persons with other disabilities.

Barbados wishes to place on records our sincere thanks to WIPO for its ongoing technical assistance which has assisted in strengthening the capacity of the Intellectual Property Office and in so doing in furthering the development of our economy.

We also wish to acknowledge with gratitude, WIPO's decision for strengthening the Caribbean Section within the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean which will augur well for the Organization's ability to adequately and meaningfully respond and service the needs of the several countries in the region.

Barbados wishes to assure the International Bureau and all Member States of its continued commitment to working in a cooperative manner in furthering the use of Intellectual Property as a tool for fiscal growth and development. It is our belief that WIPO represents the best means for achieving this goal and we therefore reaffirm our commitment to working with WIPO for the attainment of these goals.

I Thank You.