



## GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS

### Statement Delivered by the Delegation of Barbados at the Fifty Ninth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the World Intellectual Property Office, 30 September-9 October 2019

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

The Barbados Delegation is again pleased to attend the Assemblies and we thank the Director General Dr. Francis Gurry for his visionary leadership and management of the organisation. We thank you for your work as chair of the General Assemblies during the past two years and we join with other speakers in thanking the International Bureau, for the work that was done during the year and in preparation for the Assemblies.

Barbados aligns itself with the statement made by the Representative of Mexico on behalf of GRULAC

Our delegation has taken note of the work that was done by the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore in pursuance of its 2018 to 2019 mandate. We support the renewal of this committee's mandate for the 2020 to 2021 biennium to allow the committee to continue its negotiations on the critical issues of which agreement remains outstanding.

With regard to the work of the Standing Committee on the Law of Copyright and Related Rights, we acknowledge the steady progress which this committee has continued making. We urge the committee to continue its work towards the convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of a treaty on the protection of broadcasting organisations.

We have taken note of the work which continues to be done in the Standing Committee on the law of Trademarks Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications with particular regard to the protection of Country Names and we look forward to further progress being made.

Mr. Chair during the month of September Barbados presented Instruments of Accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty as work is almost completed on the recommended legislative amendments.

During the year Barbados has continued to benefit from WIPO technical assistance through the provision of training for one of our Information Technology Officers on developments in IPAS; as well as the training of the Intellectual Property Office staff on the Vienna and Nice classification systems. In addition, WIPO in conjunction with the National Industrial Agency and

the Intellectual Property Office will host a Regional Workshop on Intellectual Property and Design at the end of this month.

Once again we wish to place on record, our sincere thanks to WIPO for its ongoing support for the development of our Intellectual Property Rights system in furtherance of the development of our economy.

We also wish to assure the Director General, International Bureau and Member States of our full support for the work of this organisation.

I Thank You.