



**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AT THE 59TH SERIES
OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE WORLD
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION INCLUDING THE PCT UNION
ASSEMBLY**

Item 22 - Report on the Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE)

The Trinidad and Tobago delegation thanks the Building Respect for IP Division for its continued support in enabling Trinidad and Tobago to strengthen its capability to enforce IP Rights and to build respect for IP.

We are indeed grateful to WIPO and its Building Respect for IP Division for their assistance in developing an IP Enforcement Manual entitled “Investigating and Prosecuting Intellectual Property (IP) Crime in Trinidad and Tobago” and the production of an educational video aimed at raising awareness for IP rights in Trinidad and Tobago. The Trinidad and Tobago Intellectual Property Office intends to promote this video across all of its advertising and social media platforms and we believe that the format of this video is appropriately suited to reach audiences of all ages. The video enjoyed a successful premiere at the 14th Session of the ACE which took place on September 2 – September 4 of this year.

Mr Chairman, the other elements of Trinidad and Tobago Building respect for IP Program includes:

1. Roving IP Exhibition and roving IP clinic labelled IP Mobile.
2. Regularization of the Ad Hoc Committee on IP enforcement into a formal unit to design policing activities and training programs.
3. Partnering with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Academy and the Customs training Unit to deliver training programs in IP including IP enforcement, law and practice for law enforcement officials.
4. The establishment of an IP help desk at the University of the West Indies, St Augustine campus.
5. The implementation of a strategy designed to integrate IP education into the curriculum and textbooks used in both primary and secondary schools in Trinidad and Tobago officially called, the IP 4 TT KIDS strategy.

Mr Chairman these initiatives have begun to show positive results.

This delegation continues to attend and take part in the ACE meetings, and looks forward to discussions and the development of strategies that will control the levels IP infringement in the online environment. We also look forward to the continuing exchange of success stories and strategies employed by member states in the

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enforcement of IP rights. This delegation would like to commend the WIPO Secretariat in the development of the Building Respect for IP database and wishes for it to be a resounding success.

Mr Chairman, I thank you.