

**Statement of the Vietnamese Delegation  
at the 56<sup>th</sup> Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO**

*Geneva, October 2016*

*Mr. Chair  
Director-General Dr. Francis Gurry  
Distinguished Delegates  
Ladies and gentlemen*

*Mr. Chair,*

On behalf of the Delegation of Viet Nam, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as the Chair of this 56th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and look forward to a fruitful discussion and good progress under your able leadership.

We would like to thank Director General, Dr. Francis Gurry and the Secretariat for the excellent preparation of these Meetings of the Assemblies and their outstanding efforts in making available the comprehensive reports on the performance of WIPO in the last year.

We highly appreciate the sound performance of WIPO in various areas of activities and its outstanding efforts in addressing challenges towards achieving the nine strategic goals of the organization. . We are confident that under the leadership of Dr. Francis Gurry and his Senior Management Team, WIPO will achieve further success in fulfilling its role as the unique organization that provides a policy forum to shape a balanced international IP system, global services and IP infrastructure to protect IP across borders, cooperation and capacity building programs to enable all countries to use IP for economic, social and cultural development. In this connection, we appreciate the CDIP projects and activities implemented so far for the benefit of developing and less developed countries.

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The Delegation of Viet Nam well notes the results of productive discussions in various Committees as well as improvements in institutional and governance matters in WIPO. We look forward to further progress in the area of the international normative setting concerning DLT, IGC (GRs, TKs, and TCEs), etc. Especially, we appreciate that the Marrakesh Treaty with the participation of twenty Member States has come into force on September 30, 2016.

Given the fact that there are many other important tasks that WIPO has to concentrate on, we takes note with appreciation the decisions and recommendations of the GA Chair and the CoCo Chair with respect to the investigations on the allegations against the DG.

*Ladies and gentlemen,*

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to WIPO for its timely and effective support and assistance to Viet Nam over the past years in various areas including, inter alia, capacity building and human resource training, developing IP infrastructure and modernizing national IP system, , raising public awareness of IP, etc.

WIPO continues to play an important role in providing an efficient and accessible intellectual property system in our country. Viet Nam looks forward to intensifying our cooperation with WIPO in the coming years and remains committed to our partnership with WIPO. In this regard, we would be grateful if WIPO could continue to support Viet Nam in formulating and implementing its national IP strategy and its efforts in acceding to international IP treaties administered by WIPO.

*Ladies and gentlemen,*

The Delegation of Viet Nam would like to express its full commitments to the works of WIPO towards establishing a modern and balanced international intellectual property system for the benefits of all Member States and its users.

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We wish this 56th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO a great success!

Thank you, Mr. Chair!