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STATEMENT

**by the delegation of the Republic of Moldova
at the Fifty-Fifth Series of Meetings
of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO**

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Mr. President,

Let me start by congratulating you for assuming this important task.

I would also like to extend our appreciation to the Director General, Francis Gurry, for his thoughtful analysis of the current challenges in the IP field.

Likewise, we wish to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the documents for 2015 assemblies meetings.

The Republic of Moldova fully subscribes under the statement delivered yesterday by Romania on behalf of CEBS Group. However, please allow me to take this opportunity and briefly address some of the issues of particular concern for my country.

Mr. President,

The Republic of Moldova appreciates the work done by the WIPO Secretariat and the member states in ensuring the organization's political and financial stability. We will continue to support the efforts aimed at further improving the institutional governance and WIPO-administered registration systems.

The adoption of the WIPO *Program and Budget* for the next biennium is of utmost importance. We encourage all the delegations to work cooperatively on this issue so as to approve by consensus, during this General Assembly session, a sound and balanced document based on the existing unitary contribution system.

The Republic of Moldova welcomes the adoption of the *Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications* and believes that any difficulties arising in relation to the new Act could be addressed in the spirit of cooperation and fair-play.

The early adoption of a *Design Law Treaty* and of a *Treaty on the Protection of Broadcasting Organizations* remains a priority for the WIPO membership, including my country.

We support the objectives of these treaties, which is to simplify and harmonise the IP registration formalities and procedures. We are convinced that their adoption and entry into force will bring concrete benefits to industrial design applicants and broadcasting organisations.

Mr. President,

The path to innovative development continues to be a priority for the Republic of Moldova.

The adoption by the Moldovan Government of the *2015-2017 Action Plan* for the implementation of the *National Strategy on Intellectual Property* provides for concrete measures in building up a reliable national IP system.

In 2015, a specialized Commission for Mediation and Arbitration in the IP field was created and some legal improvements were operated to the IP legislation that makes the national IP system more clear and easy to use.

Ratification by the Republic of Moldova of the *Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances* is another achievement of this year.

In line with Moldova's aspiration to gradually integrate into the European Union, an agreement on validating the European patents on the territory of the Republic of Moldova has been concluded between the Moldovan Government and the *European Patent Organisation*.

The *Validation Agreement* that will enter into force on 1st of November, 2015 will foster the specific cooperation between EU and the Republic of Moldova and will be also an important contributing factor to the improvement of Moldovan innovation environment.

Measuring the impact of creative industries on the national economy is a matter of practical interest and we thank the WIPO for its support in conducting in 2015 a *Study* on this account.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I would like to inform the distinguished delegates that an *International Conference on IP, Innovation and Development* will take place this November in my country (Chisinau, 23 and 24 November 2015) and I wish to take this opportunity to invite the WIPO member states to actively participate in its work.

Thank you, Mr. President.