

Distinguished Chairman,

On behalf of the Delegation of Montenegro, I wish to greet You and inform You on the developments achieved in Montenegro between two General Assembly sessions of the WIPO.

We wish to express our highest appreciation for the adoption of the Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities. Montenegro think that is it a great success for all. On behalf of Montenegro, we wish to congratulate to Director General personally and the WIPO Secretariat for an excellent work done. Montenegro consider that the outcome achieved in Marrakesh is strategic goal to preserve a balance in the legal framework that will improve a system of exchange of accessible format copies on one hand, and will ensure continued respect for the copyright and creativity on the other hand.

In November 2012, in Brussels, Montenegro had Bilateral Screening for Chapter VII – Intellectual Property. Director of the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro was a Head of Montenegrin Delegation which presented Montenegrin IPR legislation and the level of its harmonization with the European and international standards, as well as the enforcement system, in particular the work of administrative inspections and courts. The Report of the European Commission was positive for Montenegro containing no recommendations for any additional measures to be prescribed, so that Montenegro expect to open the negotiation in the IPR area soon.

We are pleased to inform that the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro has a Bilateral Cooperation Plan with the EPO for the period 2012 – 2013, which will be extended to the next two year period, covering improved building capacity of the Office (through seminars and on-the-job trainings), modernization of the patent information system and support in elaboration of IPR legislation (for patents).

In the period 2012/13, WIPO provided technical support to the IPO Montenegro as follows: study visit of the IPOM Delegation to the USPTO, Alexandria, Virginia, 14-15 January 2013; participation of one IPOM representative at the Diplomatic Conference to Conclude Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities, in Marrakesh, Morocco , 16 – 28 June 2013; participation of one IPOM representative at the WIPO Standing Committee of Patent Law, 19th Session (SCP 19), Geneva, 25-28 February 2013; participation of one IPOM representative at Inter-sessional Meeting on Protection of Broadcasting Organizations (WIPO/IS/BC/GE/13), Geneva, 10-12 April 2013; participation of one IPOM representative at the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25), Geneva, 15 – 24 July 2013.

Government of Montenegro, together with the IPO Montenegro, appreciate highly all types of technical support provided by the WIPO. The cooperation between the WIPO (i.e. the WIPO TDC, CEBS Section) and Montenegro was conducted through participation of the IPOM representatives at the Inter-regional seminars and conferences. The Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro expect to extend cooperation with the WIPO CEBS in 2014 through intensified joint activities for the benefit of both the IPOM and other Montenegrin enforcement institutions thus contributing to the endeavours of the Government of Montenegro in the light of negotiation process to the EU accession, in accordance with the requirements and goals set forth in the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) between Montenegro and European Communities. We wish to confirm that we, from our side, will contribute fully to make our cooperation more successful and constructive.

Mr Chairman,

Let me conclude our Statement and express our gratitude to the WIPO Director General, Mr Francis Gurry, for excellent and efficient organization of the WIPO General Assembly, and to the WIPO Secretariat for their efforts and work in preparing relevant documents and providing logistics.

Wishing us all successful work, I thank You for Your attention.