

**STATEMENT**  
**of the delegation of the Republic of Moldova**  
**at the 56<sup>th</sup> 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 like to extend our appreciation to Director General, Dr. Francis Gurry, for his comprehensive and thoughtful analysis of the current state in the IP field.

My delegation associates itself with the CEBS statement presented earlier and fully shares the views contained therein.

Mr. Chairman,

The Republic of Moldova welcomes the entry into force of the Marrakesh Treaty adopted in 2013, that will help to end the book famine faced by people who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled. The adoption and entry into force of the Treaty is an example of constructiveness and political will.

In this vein, we will continue to work assiduously during this General Assembly abreast the whole WIPO membership to find valuable solutions for the convening of the diplomatic conferences for the adoption of a Design Law Treaty and of a Treaty on the Protection of Broadcasting Organizations.

Let me mention that on 11 April 2016, the Republic of Moldova signed the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications and launched the internal procedures for the ratification of this important treaty. We believe that the financial difficulties arising in relation to this Act should be addressed without prejudice to the existing unitary contribution system.

Concerning the Program, Budget and Oversight Matters, we acknowledge that full compliance with the WIPO Financial Regulations and Rules and related documents is critical to the Organization's financial and political stability. We welcome the commitment of the WIPO Secretariat to address the weaknesses noted during this year and to ensure that continuous improvement of the system of those controls is in place.

With respect to WIPO's Staff Matters, The Moldovan delegation had taken careful note of OIOS report and support the proposal to close with no further action all investigations regarding alleged misconduct by Mr. Gurry in both the DNA and procurement cases, as there are no any problematic issues.

Mr. President,

The entry into force as from 1st of July 2016 of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova offers our country a framework for boosting trade and economic growth, creating a favorable environment for foreign investments. Implementation

of the European patents validation system is another incentive called to stimulate transfer of technologies and encourage innovative entrepreneurship.

Such a performance was only possible with the support of our development partners and we would like to take use of this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to WIPO and its member states for the valuable assistance and support.

Thank you for your attention.