

**57th SERIES OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF MEMBER STATES OF WIPO,
2nd OCTOBER TO 11th OCTOBER 2017.**

General Statement-Seychelles

The delegation of Seychelles avails itself of this opportunity to extend its gratitude and appreciation to the Director General of WIPO and his administration for the continued support extended to the Seychelles.

Earlier this year we benefited from a WIPO Regional Training Workshop. The workshop was based on Industrial Property Administration System (IPAS) for Trademark Examiners held in Gaborone, Botswana from July 10 to 14 2017. We have been assisted with the upgrading of the IPAS System and we are having remote training sessions with WIPO. We also attended the 26th Session on Standing Committee on the Law of Patents held in Geneva on July 3 to 6, 2017.

Furthermore, Seychelles has set up a National IP Committee which will serve as a forum to discuss any IP related issues and Seychelles national position on all IP related negotiations. There was a proposal made by WIPO on the establishment of a single IP Office which the National IP Committee has brought before the Cabinet of Ministers for their approval. The Committee are in negotiations to be a member of African Regional Intellectual Property Organisation (ARIPO) which Seychelles will benefit in the African Region. Seychelles Cabinet of Ministers has also approved that Seychelles accede to Madrid Convention.

Thank you.



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