

Country Statement of Grenada

STATEMENT OF MR. ROBERT BRANCH REGISTRAR OF THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF GRENADA

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Madam President,

Director General Daren Tang

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Heads of IP Offices

Grenada reaffirms its commitment to the development and promotion of a balanced system of intellectual property and in this regard, Grenada is pleased to have become the 91st member state to sign a corporation agreement with WIPO which makes provision for the installation of IPAS and IPAS in the cloud. This development is consistent with Grenada's vision for the development of a digital economy and to facilitate the participation of its citizens in global IP registration mechanisms.

Madam President, regarding patents, Grenada places on record its appreciation for technical assistance received from WIPO in the form

of draft legislation for the establishment of a patent system and in September this year the Government of Grenada in cooperation with WIPO will host a sub-regional workshop to advance work on the draft patent legislation and regulations.

Madam President, Grenada is pleased to confirm that it is at an advanced stage of establishing the legal and regulatory framework for geographical indications in Grenada. In this regard Grenada is looking to establish GI's for three of its products that have already received international recognition for their superior quality namely: Grenada Nutmeg, Grenada Cocoa and Grenada Rum

Madam President, Grenada thanks WIPO for its support in hosting a successful World IP Day lecture this year on the theme "Women in the creative economy" The lecture was a successful collaboration between the IP Office of Grenada, the University of the West Indies, WIPO and the Grenada Office of Creative Affairs. The lecture was attended by a wide cross section of Grenadian society including our Head of State, Head of Government, private sector representatives, and practitioners in the creative economy.

Madam President, in closing, Grenada recognizes the support of the LAC Bureau under the leadership of its Director Mrs. Maria, Beatriz Amorim-Borher and the work of Ms. Carol Simpson and Mr. Paul Regis of the Caribbean Section.

I thank you