

Item 31: Closing Statement
by the Delegation of Brazil

Thank you Chair for giving me the floor,

Brazil would like to thank you for your hard work throughout the plenary and informal sessions. We would also like to commend the work of the Secretariat for preparing the documents and the meetings, as well as the interpreters that worked for long hours so we could achieve good results during the 56th meeting of the Assemblies.

Mr. Chair,

During this meeting we had the pleasure of holding the first meeting of the parts of the Marrakesh VIP treaty, chaired by His Excellency, Minister Marcelo Calero. This instrument is the proof of the capacity of WIPO members to identify common global concerns and provide efficient solutions. We are hopeful the Marrakesh example and the testimonial of blinds and visually impaired persons from different parts of the world can inspire WIPO's work towards other successful achievements.

We would also like to thank the support to our proposal presented for the first time on the PCT working group. Different regions have expressed their support and we are looking forward to continue its discussion during the 10th PCT Working Group, aiming at a speedy approval of an improved PCT fee schedule.

Mr. Chair,

Our Delegation has actively participated in informal discussion this week. We are glad to note a high level of consensus on different topics such as on external offices; methodology for budget allocation and revision of the oversight charter.

We cannot fail to note though the absence of advances on the decisions related to the standing committee of copyright and related rights. We would like to praise the efforts of Maria Ines Rodriguez, from Argentina, for holding consultations on the topics and we would like to urge members to engage in future discussions towards agreeing on a timeframe on SCCR activities.

Thank you