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HUMANITYINTHE21ST CENTURY**

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On behalf of the organizers I should once again thank the two organizations involved, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) of the People's Republic of China.

First I should like to thank the speakers as well as the moderators, who have given all of us excellent motivation. I also want to thank all of you who attended the events that we organized, especially those who participated in the debates.

All those who contributed to the organizing work deserves sincere thanks. Without forgetting anyone else, I would like to mention Mr. Vladimir Yossifov and Mrs. Lalao Rakotomalala from WIPO, who have carried much of the responsibility for the success of this Forum on their shoulders. It should of course be repeated in this connection that the idea of organizing the Forum came from Director General Kamal Idris.

It is worth remembering how important training is to the promotion of success in the field of creativity and inventiveness. The old saying "If you think training is expensive, try ignorance" still holds true.

I hope that you have enjoyed attending the Forum, as I have. I hope that new ideas have come into your minds during these days. I am sure you all have had enjoyable days here in Beijing, and I hope that we will meet at the latest in 2004 for the next "International Forum on Creativity and Invention – A Better Future for Humanity in the 21st Century." The next Forum is planned to be held in Africa; I hope to see as many of you as possible there. We shall inform you of it through WIPO in good time.

I also hope that you will do everything you can to promote creativity and inventiveness in your home countries, and so to guarantee a better future for people. It will probably take a great deal of time, and the work to be done will not always be so easy. Yet it is worth doing, because the target – a better future for humanity – is great enough, indeed even more than that.

Thank you.

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