

**Statement
of the delegation of the Republic of Moldova
at the 57th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO
(Geneva, 2 October 2017)**

Dear Mr. President,

Dear Director General Mr. Gurry,

Distinguished delegates,

On behalf of the delegation of the Republic of Moldova let me, express our congratulations on the beginning of the 57th Series of the WIPO Assemblies and sincere wishes for success in carrying out the works.

I would like to extend our appreciation to Director General, Mr. Francis Gurry, and the WIPO Secretariat for the work performed in preparing the current series of General Assemblies and the comprehensive reference documents.

Mr. President,

The Republic of Moldova fully supports the statement made by the Delegation of Georgia on behalf of the CEBS Group. At the same time, let me use this opportunity to point out some aspects of great importance for our country.

The Republic of Moldova strongly supports the proposal to convene the diplomatic conferences for the adoption of a Design Law Treaty and of a Treaty on the Protection of Broadcasting Organizations and we are ready to contribute to the identification of valuable solution for overpassing the pending issues.

In line with the WIPO efforts to bring the IP services closer to the users from different regions through its externalization program, I would like to reiterate the Republic of Moldova support for the opening of a Sub-regional External Office in Bucharest.

Distinguished audience,

On September 8th this year, the State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova (AGEPI) celebrated its 25th anniversary. Today, we are proud to affirm that the Republic of Moldova has a modern and viable IP System similar to countries with long tradition in the field.

Such a performance was only possible with the support of our development partners, including WIPO and its member states, and I express our sincere appreciation for this valuable assistance and support.

The success of the WIPO Regional Conference on the collective management of copyright and related rights organized recently in Chisinau, attended by over 40 participants from around 20 countries, is a good example of multilateral cooperation of countries willing to share experience best practices and we look forward to further fruitful collaboration.

Harmonization of IP protection with the best international and European standards, enforcement of IPR and promotion of IP knowledge are at the core of our Government Policy in the IP field.

In this vein, we will continue to support the works of the Advisory Committee on IPR Enforcement and the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property.

We consider that identification of viable and balanced mechanisms for reducing the level of piracy and counterfeiting in the Member States and increasing the revenues from IP exploitation could be obtained through the development of a comprehensive IP culture in the society.

We particularly appreciate the WIPO projects aimed to promote IP knowledge among the younger generation such as: IP4Kids, IP for Universities and express the interest to participate in these projects.

Recently, with the support of the EU, we have launched a Program for Cultural Change focused on educating the Moldovan society as to the value of IP for economic, social and cultural development. It is a demanding and complex program that raises a lot of questions and shortcomings we have to deal with.

We consider, that the WIPO General Assembly is the right place, where through joint efforts, we may find solutions for emerging issues, gain experience and share best practices.

In conclusion, I would like to inform the distinguished audience that the International Specialized Exhibition INFOINVENT and the International Innovation Conference will be organized in Chisinau, with WIPO support in the period between 15 and 18 November this year and I wish to take this opportunity to invite the WIPO member states to actively participate in the upcoming events.

Thank you, Mr. President