



## **COUNTRY STATEMENT OF ANTIGUA & BARBUDA**

Statement on behalf of ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

At the 65<sup>th</sup> Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of  
WIPO

.....

World Intellectual Property Organization Headquarters Geneva,  
Switzerland

July 9, 2024 – July 17, 2024

© Government of ANTIGUA & BARBUDA, 2024

**STATEMENT OF ANTIGUA & BARBUDA AT THE SIXTY FIFTH  
SERIES OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF MEMBER STATES  
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION**

Antigua & Barbuda congratulates you on your appointment to the esteemed office of the Chair of the WIPO General Assemblies. We would also like to express support to the statement made by GRULAC on behalf of the Latin American and the Caribbean States.

Antigua and Barbuda express appreciation to the Director General, Daren Tang, and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for their instrumental administrative and technical support. We wish to particularly underscore the colossal value of the Covid-19 relief response which has resulted in the registration of Antigua and Barbuda's first three collective marks. These are namely, the Antigua and Barbuda Wildflower Honey, the Barbuda Logwood Honey and the Antigua and Barbuda Beekeepers Co-operative Collective Mark. In undertaking this project, we also wish to thank the Department of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications for its invaluable investment into the lives of our local beekeepers. The buzz about this project could not be realized without the hard work of the Department. This buzz continues as Antigua and Barbuda has a featured side event at the General Assemblies entitled: A Beekeepers Branding Journey.

As we continue to champion intellectual property, we remain consistent in working with many governmental entities to ensure a greater appreciation and understanding of IP throughout all sectors. Through these means, we

have fostered a dynamic relationship with the Ministry of Education, Sport, and Creative Industries in incorporating intellectual property within our education and cultural spheres. Later, in this year we are to engage with the Latin American and Caribbean Division in hopes of hosting an interactive two-day workshop catered to the youth.

In the realm of technological development, our government has also completed the re-design of the Office's website, which was launched earlier this year. The work of the Madrid Information and Promotion Division has been significant within this process as content creation greatly aided the design of our international trademark registration webpage. As recent as June 2024, the Madrid Information Systems Division assisted our Office in the transition to Madrid e-filing and provided noteworthy support in the content maintenance of our website. Considering that electronic filing constitutes an important factor in the Ease of Doing Business, we are actively improving our access to online registrations in our twin-island state.

Furthermore, the Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office, fully endorsed the World Intellectual Property Day 2024 theme; IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity. The Office hosted an exciting online campaign highlighting the innovative and creative spirit of our people. This included features from

the Change makers Gallery, our staff as well as prominent members within the intellectual property and sustainable development sphere. In addition to the activities hosted, our Office continued its fourth video series entitled “Conversations on Intellectual Property” which provides an avenue for local entrepreneurs and professionals to share about their use of IPRs. Five extra-ordinary individuals were interviewed representing a wide range of areas such as gender equality, sustainable development, the environment, building design and beekeeping.

Finally, Antigua & Barbuda extends gratitude to the hard-working staff of WIPO in advancing and shaping IP policy in such a complex policy landscape and we appreciate all the work done for the General Assemblies. We wish to thank the translators for their work during the General Assemblies in making communication for all attending possible. In tandem with this, we wish to congratulate the successful conclusion of the Treaty on Genetic Resource and associated Traditional knowledge leading to a successful international instrument on those subjects. Given the range of national initiatives, and varying stages of IP development with the Caribbean, we wish to specially thank the LAC Bureau and Caribbean Unit for all their support.

Our dedication to IP will rebound for the sustainable development of not only our present but our future. Thank you.