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**INTERVENTION ON AGENDA ITEM NO 10 (iii) by Trinidad and Tobago
Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and
Geographical Indications (SCT)**

Thank you for the floor Chair. The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago commends the diligent work of the Standing Committee on Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications.

It is indeed a great pleasure to announce the continued success of the Madrid Protocol in Trinidad and Tobago with Madrid designations accounting for 48% of our trade mark filings. There has been a marked increase in trade mark filings in Trinidad and Tobago as an office of origin revealing the growing trade throughout the country. These filings have been facilitated effortlessly with the assistance of the new Madrid e-Filing online platform. The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to express our unwavering commitment to ongoing participation at the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks.

Recently Trinidad and Tobago participated at the Regional Madrid Meeting and Seminar held in Santiago Chile with a focus on assisting SMEs. Efforts for SMEs also continue through the Trinidad and Tobago Intellectual Property Office's (TTIPO) National Intellectual Property Training Centre (NIPTC).

Pertaining to Geographical Indications (GIs), the TTIPO is pleased to note that, with the technical assistance of WIPO and the EUIPO, through the CARIFORUM Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation (CARIFI) Project, over a sustained period of time various GIs have been filed and/or are poised to be filed in the near future celebrating our rich cultural heritage and natural resources.

With regard to Industrial Designs, the TTIPO thanks WIPO for its assistance in the preparation of the draft legislation to facilitate our accession to the Geneva Act (1999) of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs. Additionally, we look forward to the convening of the diplomatic conference on the Design Law Treaty, which will be incorporated into the proposed amendments to our industrial designs legislation.

The delegation from Trinidad and Tobago thanks this Committee for its ongoing efforts to assist Member States in pursuing their respective developmental paths.

Chair with these comments, I thank you.