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Thank you Chair for the floor. The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago is pleased to report that with WIPO's assistance through the CDIP Project on mobile apps, we conducted our final "National Workshop on Intellectual Property and Mobile Applications: Business and Legal Issues" earlier this year as a beneficiary country.

The project has pioneered works, most notably the publication of a "Scoping Study on Availability and Use of Intellectual Property Tools to Protect Mobile Applications in the Three Beneficiary Countries Namely, Kenya, Trinidad and Tobago and the Philippines" and intellectual property (IP) tools for the benefit of our local e-commerce ecosystem.

Further considerations for development by Trinidad and Tobago include the establishment of a mobile app association; development of a specialized course to enhance IP awareness for software developers through the recently inaugurated National Intellectual Property Training Centre (NIPTC); and the possible development of a software company focused on export in collaboration with the Developers' Hub of the Ministry of Digital Transformation.

In closing, Trinidad and Tobago looks forward to the continuing work in this Committee. With these comments, I thank you Chair.