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Mr. Chairman,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Moroccan Delegation which has come here today in order to attend this meeting has the honor to remind you that Morocco intends to assume to the full the responsibilities devolving upon it as member of the Berne and Paris Unions.

Today, however, other problems are exercising our minds and it seems only natural that the Moroccan Delegation should be permitted to express itself and give its views.

BIRPI is the permanent organ of five intergovernmental Unions, whose purpose is to ensure and develop the protection of intellectual property, which, of course, includes two separate fields: on the one hand, industrial property and, on the other hand, literary and artistic property.

Morocco, having become a member of the Paris Union for the Protection of Industrial Property (Dahir of June 23, 1916) and the Berne Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (Dahir of June 23, 1916, also), has been the first to express the wish for a re-organization of the administrative services of the Unions, with a view to modernization and efficient coordination.

Morocco, in conformity with Article 14, paragraph (5), of the Paris Convention, belongs to the Permanent Bureau consisting of fifteen Member States appointed by the Consultative Committee.



Furthermore, in view of the uniting of various industrial property and copyright Unions in BIRPI, and the establishment of an Interunion Coordination Committee, of which Morocco is also a member, the Moroccan Delegation wishes to state formally that it is not in favor of shifting the question.

The task entrusted to the Working Party consisted of a study of the administrative reorganization of BIRPI and not the establishment of a new international organization, IPO, open to all the countries of the world.

The Moroccan Delegation is prepared to discuss the proposals made with a view to the reorganization of the existing Bureaux, and its presence here gives proof of Morocco's interest in the smooth running of the existing organs, which have stood the test of time for almost a whole century.

The Moroccan Delegation has come to this meeting today in order to remind you that it is opposed to the creation of this new Organization, which would be less efficient than BIRPI is now.

Why?

First, because the Director's authority would be diminished when it ought to be increased.

Secondly, within the framework of its Conference, IPO is accessible to many countries which have no link with the Unions and are not acquainted with any international system of copyright protection.

Thirdly, there is a risk that IPO will seem unnecessary because it would duplicate the mission devolving upon UNESCO.

And, fourthly, the establishment of IPO would involve unwieldy and costly administration which the developing countries are not prepared to support.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.