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THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENFORCEMENT (ACE)

Mr. Chairman, the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to thank this Committee for its tireless efforts. We also thank the Building Respect for Intellectual Property Division for its continued support in enabling this jurisdiction to strengthen its capability to enforce IP rights and build respect for IP.

We are indeed grateful to WIPO's Building Respect for IP Division for its assistance in developing and publishing an IP Enforcement Manual entitled "*Investigating and Prosecuting Intellectual Property (IP) Crime in Trinidad and Tobago.*" This Manual has been distributed to prosecutors, customs officials, and other law enforcement bodies in Trinidad and Tobago to aid in the enforcement of IP rights, prosecution and investigation of IP offences throughout the country.

I am also pleased to announce that the Manual helps inform the work of the newly established Trinidad and Tobago Anti-Illicit Trade Task Force. The Task Force was established on May 17, 2021 wherein eleven (11) members were appointed inclusive of the TTIPO. As part of the Task Force's mandate, the TTIPO will be involved in the establishment of an IP Enforcement Unit in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and the establishment of a Customs Recordal System in the Trinidad and Tobago Customs and Excise Division.

This delegation looks forward to the continuing exchange of success stories and strategies employed by member states in the enforcement of IP rights. This delegation commends the work of this Committee in furthering the IP ecosystems around the world.

Mr Chairman, I thank you.

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