

Cambodia's Statement

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Mr. Chairman,
Dr. Francis Gurry, Director General of WIPO,
Distinguished delegates,

First and foremost, my delegation joins others to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, on your election as the Chair of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. We are fully confident that under your stewardship, the General Assemblies would make progresses and produce positive outcomes.

We would also like to thank the Director General for his comprehensive overview on the work of WIPO, and for making impeccable arrangements for the General Assemblies.

My delegation associates itself with the statements made by the Asia and Pacific Group.

Mr. Chairman,
Cambodia attaches great importance to IP as one of the key drivers for economic development and poverty reduction. The Royal Government of Cambodia, therefore, under the leadership of Prime Minister *Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN* has put in place the Industrial Development Policy which IP is included and, in addition, a National IP Strategy has been formulated with the support of WIPO. Progresses have already seen in this regard. For example, Cambodia has risen in the overall rankings from 106 in 2014 to 91 in 2015 of Global Innovation Index and managed to achieve a GDP growth in average about 8% per annum for the last 10 years.

As the Chairman of National Committee for Intellectual Property Rights, H.E. Mr. **Sun Chanthol**, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce, has led with his tireless efforts for Cambodia to become a Contracting Party to the Madrid Protocol on 5 March 2015. This development will enable the Cambodian SMEs to protect their trademarks abroad in a simpler, easier and more cost-effective way. Cambodia is also exploring the possibilities of joining other WIPO treaties and conventions in the near future.

Another noteworthy area of achievement is in the establishment of Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs). We look forward to signing a cooperation agreement with WIPO on 12 October and hope that this initiative would foster domestic research and innovation by effectively using patent information.

Mr. Chairman,
Cambodia notes that WIPO Development Agenda includes a number of recommendations in support of IP institutions and capacity building in LDCs. In this regard, Cambodia would like to request special attention and support be given to the LDCs as well as full and effective implementation of those related recommendations.

Finally, we deeply appreciate WIPO, under leadership of Dr. Francis Gurry and his team, for the assistance provided to Cambodia. With a wide range of cooperation activities and assistance provided by WIPO, Cambodia would gain more IP development and achievements. A case in point is the linkage of Cambodian trademark database with WIPO Global Brand Database and we will introduce the online filing system in early next year. *Thank you!*