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PROPOSAL BY THE GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES (GRULAC) RELATING TO PROGRAM 20 OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2014/15 BIENNIUM

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In a communication dated November 1, 2013, the Secretariat received a request from the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago on behalf of the Group of Latin American and the Caribbean Countries (GRULAC) relating to Program 20, paragraph 20.21, of the "Proposed Program and Budget for the 2014/15 Biennium (document A/51/7 Rev., dated September 20, 2013).

The Communication from the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago is annexed to this document.

[Annex follows]



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA**

Note No. 144/2013

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva and to the Specialized Agencies in Europe on behalf of the Group of Latin American and the Caribbean countries (GRULAC) presents its compliments to **H.E. Ms. Päivi Kairamo**, President of WIPO General Assembly and has the honour to refer to the Note Verbale (Ref: GEN7W0007-111) dated 1st October, 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations and Other International organisations in Geneva acknowledging receipt of our Note Verbale (Ref. No. 116/2013) dated 26th September, 2013.

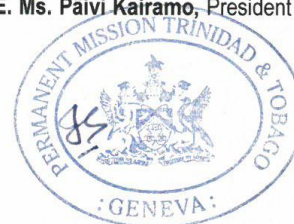
In this connection, the GRULAC wishes to express that the amendments we requested, in due time and following the established procedures, still have not yet been reflected in the draft Program and Budget document (A/51/7/Rev.). Having taken into consideration that the informal consultations on External Offices has already started, we will like to ask once again that the amendment the GRULAC requested in Program 20, paragraph 20.21, of the draft Program and Budget 2014-2015, be circulated to all Member States by the WIPO Secretariat in order to be incorporated in the said Program and Budget prior to the commencement of the WIPO Extraordinary Assemblies on 10th December, 2013.

For ease of reference, the GRULAC attaches the said amendment which was already circulated by the Secretariat to Member States during the 21st Session of the PBC in September, 2013.

The GRULAC wishes to state that it remains committed to a constructive dialogue in order to reach a compromise solution for the approval of the Program and Budget 2014-2015 and reaffirms its legitimate interest of having a new external office in the region.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva and to the Specialized Agencies in Europe on behalf of the Group of Latin American and the Caribbean countries, wishes to avail itself of this opportunity to renew to **H.E. Ms. Päivi Kairamo**, President of WIPO General Assembly the assurance of its highest consideration.

Geneva 1st November, 2013



cc. **H.E. Dr. Francis Gurry, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Office**
H.E. Mr. Kwok Fook Seng, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for World Trade Organisation and World Intellectual Property Organisation of Singapore

**PROPUESTA DE GRULAC AL PÁRRAFO 20.21 DEL PROGRAMA 20 DEL PROYECTO DE PROGRAMA Y
PRESUPUESTO PARA EL BIENIO 2014-2015**

20.21 Para el próximo bienio se ha planificado la apertura de oficinas en China, la Federación de Rusia, los Estados Unidos de América, dos en África y una en América Latina y el Caribe.

**PROPOSAL OF GRULAC FOR PROGRAM 20, PARAGRAPH 20.21 OF DRAFT PROPOSED PROGRAM AND
BUDGET FOR THE 2014-2015 BIENNIUM**

20.21 During the next biennium, new external offices in the following locations/regions are planned in China, Russian Federation, United States of America, two in Africa and one in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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