

Mr Chairman, Honourable Delegates

Health and Environment Program thanks the WIPO Director General and his Secretariat for all the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) programmes for Developing Countries. We congratulate you Mr President and your Co-Chairman for the organization and carrying out of this important meeting.

Being specially interested in the IGC and its outcomes, Health and Environment Program has pleaded for the abandon of the informal sessions and the exclusion of NGOs by an kind of dictatorship exerted on them by the Indigenous caucus. This final session seems to indicate that we have been heard concerning the informal sessions. May the next IGC show us that this is also the case concerning the Indigenous caucus. We nevertheless greet the approval of two articles and one rule and hope that this will be a good sign for the future IGC. Health and Environment Program is ready to plainly contribute to the finding of a constructive solution.

It is really time to change in order to quickly get to the conclusion of the IGC Treaty.

Mr. Chair, Honourable delegates,

I thank you for your attention.