

**STATEMENT  
of the delegation of the Republic of Moldova**

**at the 59<sup>th</sup> Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO**

Mr. Chair, Dear Director General Gurry, Excellences, Distinguished delegates,

On behalf of the delegation of the Republic of Moldova, let me express our congratulations on the beginning of the 59th Series of WIPO Assemblies and sincere wishes for success in carrying out the works.

The Republic of Moldova fully subscribes to the statement delivered by the Republic of Croatia on behalf of the CEBS Group. However, please allow me to take this opportunity to briefly address some of the issues of particular interest to my country.

Mr. Chair,

The Republic of Moldova appreciates the work done by the WIPO Secretariat. The new biennium we are approaching speedily is a challenging but also a promising one: adoption of the Design Law Treaty, opening of New External Offices, but also the reformation of global IP services based on new technologies such as Artificial intelligence are just a few of the emergent issues we have to deal with in a balanced and efficient way.

Mr. Chair,

The new Government of the Republic of Moldova is focused on fostering the economic and social development, consolidation of the financial sector and improvement of the domestic legal framework in line with European and international standards.

The National IP office is making hard efforts to enhance the investment environment and to stimulate the economic growth through the implementation of innovation, promotion of IP knowledge, and by building linkages between academia and industry.

The consolidation of the Copyright system in particular through the improvement of the collective management of copyright continues to be a Government priority, a draft law being at present under public consultation.

Significant progress was made in raising awareness for IP and promoting IP education. A Program of IP Cultural Change was implemented and an IPR e-Learning Platform in Romanian language was launched in March this year.

We continue to promote the benefits of the GI system. A country-wide study for identifying the traditional products was conducted and recently we launched an GI Interactive Map.

At present the IP office is working on finalizing an IPR data exchange system to be used by enforcement bodies, aimed to facilitate the investigation of IPR infringements. Besides, IPR guidelines for customs, police, judiciary, market surveillance inspectors were elaborated.

To improve the institutional capacities of the national IP office in raising awareness for IPR, an Institutional Communication Strategy was approved in 2019.

However, in a globalized world, progress is only possible through cooperation and common efforts and we would like to use this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to WIPO but also other development partners in particular the European Union, for the valuable assistance and support.

Thank you for your attention.