



postponed activities, included in the cooperation plans for 2020, will take place next year.

6. Likewise, we are hopeful that the work on the WIPO normative agenda will be resumed, as well as the activity of the Standing and Permanent Committees of the Organization. This delegation is fully committed to cooperate with all Member States, in a spirit of consensus, with the firm goal of achieving the expected progress on the pending issues on the WIPO agenda.

7. Furthermore, Romania expresses its readiness to participate in a constructive manner in the future discussions on the Terms of Reference of the 2021 Evaluation of WIPO External Offices. While reiterating the offer for hosting a WIPO External Office, we reaffirm the importance of the Guiding Principles for the future review process.

8. Mr. Chair, I would like to use this opportunity and express the most sincere thanks to Director General Francis Gurry, for his leadership and contribution to the advancement of the intellectual property system. He should take the credit for what WIPO stands today and, I would like, on behalf of the Romanian Government, to wish him every success in his future endeavors.

9. At the same time, it is my distinct honor to congratulate, on behalf of Romania, Director General-elect, Mr. Daren Tang. I would like to assure him of the full determination of the Romanian Government in supporting his vision and strategy, with a view to developing an ever more balanced and effective global IP system.

I thank you.