Mr. Chairman, the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to thank this Committee for its
tireless efforts. We also thank the Building Respect for Intellectual Property Division for its
continued support in enabling this jurisdiction to strengthen its capability to enforce IP rights
and build respect for IP.

We are indeed grateful to WIPO’s Building Respect for IP Division for its assistance in
developing and publishing an IP Enforcement Manual entitled “Investigating and Prosecuting
Intellectual Property (IP) Crime in Trinidad and Tobago.” This Manual has been distributed
to prosecutors, customs officials, and other law enforcement bodies in Trinidad and Tobago to
aid in the enforcement of IP rights, prosecution and investigation of IP offences throughout the
country.

I am also pleased to announce that the Manual helps inform the work of the newly established
Trinidad and Tobago Anti-Ilicit Trade Task Force. The Task Force was established on May
17, 2021 wherein eleven (11) members were appointed inclusive of the TTIPO. As part of the
Task Force’s mandate, the TTIPO will be involved in the establishment of an IP Enforcement
Unit in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and the establishment of a Customs Recordal
System in the Trinidad and Tobago Customs and Excise Division.

This delegation looks forward to the continuing exchange of success stories and strategies
employed by member states in the enforcement of IP rights. This delegation commends the
work of this Committee in furthering the IP ecosystems around the world.

Mr Chairman, I thank you.