Thank you Chair for giving us the floor, the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to thank the Secretariat for the report contained in document WO/GA/57/9 and for its tireless efforts to date. Sincere gratitude is also extended to the Building Respect for Intellectual Property Division (BRIP) for its continued support in empowering this jurisdiction to strengthen its capability to enforce IP rights and to promote IP awareness.

With respect to the exchange of information on national experiences Trinidad and Tobago is pleased to indicate that the WIPO commissioned IP Enforcement Manual entitled “Investigating and Prosecuting Intellectual Property (IP) Crime in Trinidad and Tobago” and the BRIP Study “Copyright Infringement and the Availability of Licensed Audiovisual Content in the English-speaking Caribbean,” help to inform the work of Trinidad and Tobago’s Anti-Illlicit Trade Task Force (AITTF). With respect to future work, Trinidad and Tobago applauds BRIP for beginning the development of the IPAS Customs Recordation and Information System (CRIS) which will benefit countries globally.

We are pleased to also indicate that the Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Charter which was drafted with the technical assistance of WIPO has been circulated to the members of the AITTF. 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. Chair, I thank you.