



Opening Statement – Maloca Internationale
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We take the floor on behalf of Maloca Internationale, an organization committed to defending the right to self-determination of Peoples in international fora.

We wish to express our concern regarding certain aspects of ongoing processes at WIPO which, in our view, deviate from the fundamental principles established in the Doha Round, particularly with respect to transparency and effective participation.

We are particularly concerned that some recent developments—such as those observed at the Diplomatic Conference on Designs in Riyadh—have progressed without proper compliance with the internationally recognized right to free, prior, and informed consultation, which is essential for the genuine participation of Peoples.

We also take note of the so-called “Caucus of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities” at WIPO. While we value spaces for articulation, we must point out that its current design and functioning effectively turn it into a joint forum of Indigenous Peoples and States, thus diluting the political autonomy of People’s voices and priorities.

We are also concerned about the proposed exceptions and limitations in the Broadcasting Treaty, that go against Intellectual Property rights of Peoples.

Finally, we would like to see greater participation of non-state actors in the monitoring of the WIPO Green program.

We hope to take the floor again under the relevant agenda items of this General Assembly in order to expand upon our arguments.

Thank you very much.