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**Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs
and Geographical Indications (SCT)**

Chair we applaud the tireless work of the Standing Committee on Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications. The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to indicate its support for the statement made by GRULAC. We are pleased to state that since the operationalization of the Madrid Agreement in Trinidad and Tobago on January 12th 2021, Madrid designations account for 31% of our trade mark filings. In addition to the numerous designations of Trinidad and Tobago, we are pleased to report that the Madrid System has received multiple filings from our local inventors and entrepreneurs, in particular through the carnival industry. Through the newly established National Intellectual Property Training Centre (NIPTC), which incorporates WIPO's IP Diagnostic Tool which is being customized for Trinidad and Tobago, the Madrid System is being promoted locally to SMEs and large multinational corporations.

The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to express its support for a balanced approach being achieved regarding the Revised Proposal made by the Delegation of Jamaica for a Joint Recommendation Concerning Provisions on the Protection of Country Names, document SCT/43/9.

With respect to Industrial Designs, this delegation thanks WIPO for its assistance in the preparation of the draft legislation to facilitate our accession to the Geneva Act (1999) of the Hague Agreement. The draft legislation will be finalized by the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel (CPC). We anticipate accession to this Agreement by the next General Assemblies. We also support GRULAC's discussions pertaining to the convening

of a diplomatic conference on the Design Law Treaty when circumstances permit. Trinidad and Tobago is working on fostering and promoting GI registrations in the Republic of.

The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago looks forward to the continuing work of this Committee as it seeks to guide Member States along their developmental paths.

Chair, with these comments, I thank you.