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**55th SERIES OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF MEMBER STATES OF
WIPO, 5th OCTOBER TO 14th OCTOBER 2015.**

General Statement-Seychelles

The delegation of Seychelles avails itself of this opportunity to extend its gratitude to the Director General of WIPO and WTO for the continued support extended to the Seychelles.

With the accession of Seychelles to the World Trade Organization, and the TRIPS Agreement, the Seychelles have emerged with a new Industrial Property Act, whereby there are new concepts, therefore consequentially new regulations have been incorporated that were not present in our previous laws. The new concepts are Industrial Design, Geographical Indication, Layout Design and Integrated Circuits.

These new developments have proven quite challenging for us both on expertise and volume stand point, therefore the reason why our office had initiated the WIPO for technical assistance which would assist us in addressing these challenges.

We trust that our attendance at the assemblies will further our exposure and therefore further strengthen our efforts to make our IP office more visible and efficient and the IP Sector of the Seychelles more interactive.

Early this year we benefited from a WIPO Regional Training Workshop. The workshop was based on IPAS Business Governance and was held in Walvis Bay, Namibia from April 13th to 17th 2015. We have on this front applied to WIPO for further training for our staff.

Once again, we wish to convey our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Director General of WIPO, Dr Francis Gurry and members of your staff and wish all the delegates fruitful deliberations.

Thanking You.


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