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

Mr. Chairman, we wholeheartedly support the statement made on behalf of GRULAC in applauding the tireless work of the Standing Committee on Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications. Mr. Chairman, I have the pleasure to indicate that this year, the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (Madrid Protocol) became operational in Trinidad and Tobago on January 12th 2021. We wish to thank WIPO for all of its assistance in this regard. For the period January 12, 2021 to October 1, 2021, Madrid designations account for 22% of our trade mark filings. Alongside the numerous designations of Trinidad and Tobago, we are elated to report that the Madrid System has already been utilized locally by entrepreneurs in the carnival industry.

With respect to Industrial Designs, the Trinidad and Tobago Intellectual Property Office (TTIPO), 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 Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs. The draft legislation will be finalized by the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel (CPC). We also support GRULAC on discussing the convening of a diplomatic conference on the Design Law Treaty when circumstances permit. The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to express our support to a balanced approach being concluded 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.

Trinidad and Tobago looks forward to the continuing work of this Committee as it seeks to guide Member States along their developmental paths. Mr. Chairman, with these comments, I thank you.