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WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)

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On behalf of the Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Dr. Arpad Bogsch, it is a great honour to speak at this meeting, the last of the Uruguay Round Trade Negotiations Committee.

We have noted that WIPO is mentioned four times in the text of the Final Act to be signed Friday, more precisely in the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, Including Trade in Counterfeit Goods, known as "TRIPS". We are happy about those references, in particular in so far as they relate to cooperation between WIPO and the World Trade Organization.

WIPO will be glad to cooperate with the WTO as soon as the new organization will have been established, and before that with its Preparatory Committee, just as we cooperated with the GATT Secretariat in the past, notably by providing full information every time a request was made.

This mutually beneficial cooperation should avoid any duplication, due account being taken of the complementary nature of both organizations. One could mention for example the publication of national laws.

WIPO will also be glad to provide advice on the interpretation of obligations arising under the international conventions that we administer, including the Paris and Berne Conventions.

As regards any other matters in which both organizations may have a joint interest, WIPO is constructively looking forward to the initiatives to be taken by the future TRIPS Council.