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General Statement

by Hungary

Mr. Chair,
Director General,
distinguished Delegates,

First of all, Mr. Chair let us express our sincere condolences to the Government and the people of Viet Nam on the passing away of the President of your country.

We would like to warmly congratulate you once again, Ambassador, on your election as Chair of the WIPO General Assembly. We wish you all success during these meetings of the WIPO Assemblies and look forward to fruitful discussions under your chairmanship.

We highly appreciate the preparatory work done by the Director General, Dr. Francis Gurry and the whole WIPO Secretariat leading to this series of meetings. We are also thankful for the Director General's opening remarks in which he addressed the importance of IP in the global economy and the key role of this organization in addressing the emerging needs of users and stakeholders.

Hungary fully endorses the opening statement made by Lithuania on behalf of the Regional Group of Central European and Baltic States and the opening statement made by Austria on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

We firmly believe that WIPO and its Member States shall work in agreement and in cooperation in order to maintain and improve a balanced and effective international IP system. Hungary remains fully committed in supporting the organization in delivering on its mandate and will continue to contribute actively and constructively to the discussions in different WIPO bodies during the forthcoming period. We note with satisfaction the work done in WIPO Committees and working groups during the past year.

We welcome WIPO's very impressive, positive financial results of the biennium 2016/17. The continuous global need for IP services, WIPO's responses and the performance of the organization culminates in such financial and budgetary results that provide a strong basis for allocating the needed resources for maintaining, improving and promoting all of the four global IP registration systems, the PCT, the Madrid, the Hague and the Lisbon system. With regard to the promotion of the Lisbon System and the Geneva Act, Hungary fully supports the views expressed by the delegation of Italy.

This delegation would like to reaffirm its strong commitment to the adoption of the **Design Law Treaty**. As we highlighted it on several occasions in the past years, the DLT, by simplifying and harmonizing design registration formalities, would be of great benefit for designers of developed and developing countries. The text of the DLT is final and mature enough to convene the long-awaited diplomatic conference. We urge Member States to find a solution acceptable for all.

Mr. Chair, we are fully committed to making progress on key issues on the agenda and hope that negotiations will flow in a broad-minded atmosphere. You can count on our support and constructive engagement in the discussions, and we believe that under your chairmanship Member States will be able to conclude their deliberations with positive outcomes.

Thank you very much Mr. Chair.