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**Statement by Her Excellency, Julia Imene-Chanduru  
Ambassador of the Republic of Namibia  
at the 63<sup>rd</sup> of Meetings of the WIPO Member States,  
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Namibia aligns itself with the statement delivered by Algeria on behalf of the African Group.

My delegation would like to congratulate you and the vice-chairs for your stewardship of the general assemblies and renew our commitment to advance the collective interest of all.

Namibia further wishes to thank the Director-General, Mr. Darren Tang and the Secretariat for preparing of our meetings.

**Madam Chair**, Namibia, continues to prioritize the implementation of strategic projects, as defined in our National IP Development Plan, within the framework of the MOU between Namibia and WIPO.

Namibia is implementing the following projects:

- **Finalization of the Copyright Bill**
- **Green hydrogen, Oil and gas,**
- **the role of IP Office post pandemic,**
- **Youth, women and innovation**
- **Development of the IP and innovation Ecosystem to drive enterprise growth especially for SMEs.**

My delegation supports WIPO's commitment towards attaining gender parity in the organization, and starting this process at the executive management level is indicative of the importance the institution attaches to inclusivity.

Namibia implores that the same effort is directed towards member countries' representation in the staff of the organization and the organization's governing bodies.

Finally, Namibia remains committed to advance and promote sustainable cooperation and multilateralism in the in the interest of the collective.

**I Thank You.**