

**FULLTEXT STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
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Agenda Item 5: General Statement

Thank you Madam Chair,

At the outset, Malaysia would like to associate itself with the statements delivered earlier on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group, ASEAN and DAG.

On behalf of my delegation, I would like to express our congratulations on the election of the chair and the vice chairs. My Delegation wishes to place on record its congratulations to Dr. Francis Gurry the WIPO Director General in steering this organisation into greater heights of performance during his first term, and Malaysia pledges to continue to support his leadership in the coming years as well. The Director General's statement at the opening of the General Assembly speaks for itself the volumes of victories won by the organisation. Malaysia also wishes to thank the WIPO Secretariat for its efforts in preparing and extending the comprehensive documents for this 51st Series of Assemblies of WIPO Member States.

Malaysia takes note of the numerous plans and activities being continually implemented by WIPO in strengthening and consolidating the IP systems in both the developing countries and LDCs. WIPO has been successful since its inception in giving a helping hand to the IP regime in Malaysia. It is through such support and guidance that the Malaysian IP regime is now on a higher **pedestal for which my delegation** wishes to thank WIPO wholeheartedly. I must say that WIPO has been a true friend, guide and philosopher in bringing such strengths to Member States.

Madam Chair,

Malaysia is pleased with the resounding success in concluding the Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities at Marrakesh in June 2013. It is indeed a remarkable achievement that would be carved as an indelible milestone in the annals of WIPO. Malaysia is

confident that WIPO would move forward in concluding the much delayed treaty for the protection of the broadcasting organisations.

Madam Chair,

Malaysia acknowledges the achievements made by WIPO in view of the major deliverables in the programme performance report 2012, as evidenced by the successful outcome of WIPO program where 80 per cent of the program's implementation is on track towards achieving the Expected Results in the biennium.

Despite the uncertainties in the looming economic environment and the continuing financial instability, WIPO managed to close the year 2012 with a positive overall result with a surplus of 15.7million Swiss Francs, which testifies to the ability of WIPO to rise against all odds. It is heartwarming to learn that WIPO has also managed to reduce the total expenses compared to 2011, again as a result of prudent financial management. My Delegation acknowledges the cost efficiency measures implemented by WIPO by targeting a wide range of areas with no major adverse effects on deliverables.

Madam Chair,

Malaysia has been a member of PCT since 2006 and is in the midst of amending its Patent Law to enable Malaysia to accede to the Budapest Treaty and to accept Protocol Amending the TRIPs Agreement on Public Health. Malaysia is also amending its Trade Mark Law to enable Malaysia to accede to the Madrid Protocol in line with Malaysia's commitment under the ASEAN IPR Action Plan 2011 – 2015. We are grateful for WIPO's continuous support in these areas to ensure effective implementation of the international IP system in the ASEAN region.

Madam Chair,

With regard to the proposed program and budget for the 2014/15 Biennium, Malaysia holds the view that development should continue to be a priority for WIPO's programmes, in line with MTSP. We hope to see further mainstreaming of WIPO's activities across all substantive Strategic Goals in line with the Development Agenda recommendations.

Malaysia acknowledges the work of CDIP and encourages CDIP to continue its works particularly in the areas of WIPO's Contribution to the Achievement of the United Nations MDGs and Future Work on Patent-Related Flexibilities in the Multilateral Legal Framework. My Delegation also likes to express its support for the commencement of Conference on Intellectual Property and Development, and hope that the conference will serve as a platform for a balance discussion on the development of IP among the Member States.

Madam Chair,

Malaysia has made a significant development this year with the launching of the IP Valuation Training Module in March 2013, which is a complete, structured and systematic training module for IP valuation. With the support from the Government, the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia has been tasked to create a pool of capable local IP valuers. The first series of IP Valuation Training Programme was held from March until May 2013 which involved 23 selected participants. The successful participants received certificates of recognition from the Malaysian IP Office and the World Trade Institute, University of Berne, Switzerland. The second batch of the training of IP Valuers began on 2nd September and ends in October 2013. Malaysia will be organizing a Global IP Valuation Conference from 6 to 7 November with the theme "Unlocking the Mysteries of IP Valuation, Developing a Sustainable IP Ecosystem". We welcome the participations from all Member States to this Conference.

On behalf of my delegation, let me again reiterate Malaysia's appreciation on the WIPO's commendable work and is looking forward for continuous cooperation with WIPO in the coming years ahead.

Thank you.

Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia

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