

**Statement of the Vietnamese Delegation  
at the 51<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of WIPO**

Geneva, September 2013

- *Madam Chair,*
- *Mr. Director General,*
- *Ladies and gentlemen,*

First, on behalf of the Delegation of Viet Nam, we would like to congratulate you, Madam Chair on your election at this 51<sup>st</sup> WIPO General Assembly and be convinced that under your chairmanship, the Assemblies this year will be a great success.

We would also like to thank the Director General and the Secretariat for the comprehensive reports on the works done by WIPO last year and excellent arrangements for the Meetings.

The Delegation associates itself with the statements made by the Delegation of Singapore on behalf of ASEAN and by the Delegation of India on behalf of the Asian Group.

We welcome and highly appreciate the works done by WIPO since the last General Assembly in the light of the Strategic Re-aligned Program and impress with outcomes achieved and progress made in various areas of its activities, namely normative frameworks, global IP services, use of IP information for innovation, development of IP infrastructure, building respect of IPRs and dispute settlements, etc. We believe that Programs and activities implemented by WIPO have contributed not only to promoting innovation and creativities and IP protection to the benefit of all member states but also to addressing global and emerging issues. This reaffirms the increasingly important role of the Organization in the international community. In this context, we support the works of the Organization towards achieving the objectives set out in the Strategic Realignment Program.

We note and appreciate the conclusion of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities in the framework of SCCR; and progress

made by IGC regarding the protection of GR, TK and TCEs and by SCT towards negotiating industrial design law treaty. In this regard, we support the proposal by the Russian Federation to host the Diplomatic Conference on Industrial Design Law Treaty in Moscow, Russia next year.

We also note positive results achieved in the implementation of projects under the WIPO Development Agenda to the benefit of developing and least developed member states and support the concept of south – south cooperation among member states in the Agenda and encourage WIPO to develop projects which would bring about benefits to member states involved. We are committed to actively participate in this process for our common benefits.

*Ladies and gentlemen,*

The cooperation between Viet Nam and WIPO has been further strengthened over time. In the past year, under the Development Agenda, Viet Nam has been benefiting from numerous projects such as distance learning programs, access to specialized databases, as specially formulation of its national IP strategy.

Thanks to the WIPO/Australia Fund in Trust, two training workshops on IP valuation and patent drafting were successfully organized in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh, and another follow-up activity is also planned to provide Vietnamese innovators and technology managers with basic knowledge and required skills of protection and utilization of their intellectual property assets resulted from their researches.

With the support of the WIPO/Korean Fund in Trust, a Competition on Appropriate Technology has been announced in August, followed by an Orientation Workshop hosted this month in Ho Chi Minh city. In addition, the final valuation and awarding ceremony of the Competition will take place in November this year as scheduled.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to express its appreciation to WIPO for its continued support and assistance rendered to Viet Nam and look forward to further enhancing the cooperation with the organization.

In conclusion, this Delegation would like to express its full commitments to works of WIPO for the development of a balanced international intellectual property system for common benefits of all nations.

Thank you, Madam Chair!