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**Written General Statement (Agenda Item 4)**

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Madam Chair,

Honorable Ministers,

Director General,

Excellencies,

distinguished delegates,

The delegation of the Republic of Cyprus would like to thank you for your presiding and leadership throughout the year. We also thank the Director General Daren Tang and express our appreciation for his successful leadership during the last two years and the successful implementation of WIPO's vision and strategy. We would also like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for the professionalism and hard work that was needed to prepare these Assemblies. Cyprus is very pleased that the Assemblies are uninterruptedly organized in a Hybrid form and we are confident that the discussion and conclusions drawn from the meetings will be fruitful.

Our delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by Germany on behalf of Group B and with the statement delivered by the Czech Republic on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and stands united in condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine. We give emphasis on the support to small and medium enterprises in terms of IP Rights that will aid the recovering economy globally from past and current crisis and we thank WIPO management for all its efforts in that matter.

Intellectual Property is paving into increasing levels in Cyprus. The responsible Office for IP has recently renamed to the Department of Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property and has been collaborating closely with international organizations to increase IP awareness and protection. We intend to strengthen these collaborations and encounter into new ones that will give emphasis into modern concepts of IP Rights and technologies like AI and blockchain. Furthermore, we are finalizing the implementation of EU Directives 2019/790 and 2019/789 in our National Legislation and enforcement is expected by the end of the year.

We are looking forward to a constructive discussion during theses meeting.

Thank you, Madam Chair, for your attention.