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General Statement

by Hungary

Madam Chair,
Director General,
Your Excellencies,
distinguished Delegates,

First of all, Madam Chair, we would like to express our gratitude for your committed work as well as for your engagement in preparation for this series of WIPO Assemblies.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the Director General, Mr. Daren Tang, the Senior Management Team as well as the Staff of WIPO for their dedicated and productive work throughout the year.

Hungary fully endorses the statements made by Slovakia on behalf of the CEBS Group and the Czech Republic on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

We would like to reiterate our commitment to support WIPO in maintaining and developing a balanced and effective international IP system as well as fulfilling its core mandate, its vision and strategy aiming to foster global innovation and creativity.

Strongly sharing the philosophy of the Director General, in the economic development strategy of Hungary IP plays a key role not only as a protection tool but as a catalyst for sustainable development, job creation, enterprise growth and innovation.

SMEs are an important component of our economy, and we provide programmes to support them in using the IP system to bring their innovations and products to fruition in both domestic and foreign markets. We greatly appreciate and count on WIPO's assistance to offer IP-related

support to SMEs. Companies should be able to rely more and more on IP as an important economic asset when conducting their business.

As well as SMEs, domestic investors, R&D specialists and innovators are also important stakeholders who can continuously rely on the support of our Office.

One of our main strategic goals is to further develop and extend the scope of our digitised and user friendly services, which is inevitable if we wish to attract more users of the IP system.

We strongly believe that companies need to be able to rely on the broadest geographical coverage of WIPO's international registration systems. Further strengthening international cooperation will lessen administrative burdens and lead to cost savings. In this context, regional cooperations such as the Visegrad Patent Institute also provide important incentives.

We sincerely hope that the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement, ratified by Hungary in 2021 will also attract more contracting parties. Hungary also reaffirms its commitment to modernize and strengthen the international protection provided to broadcasting organisations and the adoption of the Design Law Treaty.

Madame Chair, our delegation is very much looking forward to the constructive and efficient meeting ahead of us, to which we are fully engaged to contribute.

Thank you, Madam Chair.