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General Statement by the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan at the 64th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2023

Thank you, Madam Chair.

At the outset I thank you, Madam Chair, Director General and the entire WIPO Team for your ongoing commitment and hard work throughout the past year and an excellent preparation of this assembly.

Madam Chair,

We appreciate WIPO's support for Afghanistan over the past several years, including assistance in building our IP infrastructure as well programmes focused on small and mid-size enterprises, innovators and other stakeholders.

At the current situation following the military takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban in August 2021 and the outflow of the most educated and talented Afghans to other countries around the world, institutions are suffering from brain-drain and lack of educated and experienced staffs. The situation is further exacerbated by the Taliban ban on modern education as well as depriving women and girls from education and work. We request the Organization's efforts to enhance its engagement for youth and women so Afghanistan will be able to still use the crucial and creative and talents of youth and women in driving robust social and economic growth.

Madam Chair,

WIPO stands for innovation and sustainable progress for betterment of the humankind. We are certain that, notwithstanding Taliban's bans and senseless edicts on modern education, with the help contemporary technologies and



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through innovative enterprises, the international community and the UN system will be able address the issue of education and capacity building for youth and women in Afghanistan.

Moreover, our rich and deep-rooted culture, traditional music and arts are in risk of vanishing. We are looking for innovative solution to preserve our cultural and folklore heritage with the help of our artist and musician in exile.

The permanent mission of Afghanistan is committed to spare no effort to sustain and promote our common achievement for the benefit of the people of Afghanistan and the global community in which we were and remain an essential member.

We thanks WIPO for all support rendered so far and look forward for continuation of this cooperation.

I thank you Madam Chair,