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*General Statement by Hungary*

Mr. Chair,  
Director General,  
Excellencies, and  
distinguished Delegates,

Mr. Chair,

We would like to warmly congratulate you, your Excellency, for all the work you have done as Chair of the WIPO General Assembly. We wish you all success during the 59<sup>th</sup> series of meetings of the WIPO Assemblies and look forward to fruitful discussions under your guidance.

We thank the Director General for his opening remarks in which he addressed the need for reaching consensus on pending issues of high priority. Reasonable decisions shall be taken by consensus in order to ensure the key role of IP and especially of this organization in the global, innovation-driven economy in addressing the emerging needs of users and stakeholders. Hungary remains a responsible WIPO Member State in contributing to the maintenance and improvement of a balanced and effective international IP system and fully supports the organization in delivering on its mandate and normative agenda.

We highly appreciate the preparatory work done by the WIPO Secretariat for these Assemblies.

Hungary fully endorses the opening statement made by Croatia on behalf of the CEBS Group and the opening statement made by Finland on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

We are impressed by WIPO's positive financial performance of 2018 and to the date of 2019. The financial and budgetary results of the Organization provide a strong basis for allocating the needed resources for maintaining, improving and promoting all of the four global IP registration systems. We strongly believe that financial solidarity among Unions shall remain one of the

guiding principles when allocating the income and expenditure by different Unions. Nevertheless, we remain open to finding ways to resolve the pending issue of the allocation methodology in order to adopt WIPO's Program and Budget for 2020/2021.

We note with satisfaction the work done in WIPO Committees and working groups during the past year.

This delegation would like to reaffirm its strong commitment to the adoption of the Design Law Treaty. As we highlighted it on several occasions in the past years, the DLT, by simplifying and harmonizing design registration formalities, would be of great benefit for designers of developed and developing countries. The text of the DLT is final and mature enough to convene the long-awaited diplomatic conference. We urge Member States to find a solution acceptable for all.

As regards External Offices we emphasize the need for respecting the Guiding Principles adopted in 2015. The decision on opening new External Offices shall be taken by consensus and based on merits.

Mr. Chair, we are fully committed to making progress on key issues on the agenda and hope that negotiations will flow in a broad-minded atmosphere. You can count on our support and constructive engagement in the discussions, and we believe that under your chairmanship Member States will be able to conclude their deliberations with positive outcomes.

Thank you Mr. Chair.