

ASSEMBLIES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF WIPO

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General Statement

by Hungary

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

First of all, Mr Chair, allow me to thank you for your committed work throughout the year and offer you our encouragement for the conduct of forthcoming meetings. We would also like to express our gratitude to the WIPO Secretariat for preparing valuable documents for these series of meetings and for all their efforts made during this challenging period of time caused by the pandemic.

We take the opportunity to thank profoundly and sincerely Director General Francis Gurry for his excellent leadership at the Organization as well as his tireless efforts in addressing various challenges of the global IP system over the past twelve years. Our appreciation also goes to the Senior Management Team and the Staff of WIPO for their dedicated and productive work during the past years.

At the same time we would like to welcome DG-elect, Daren Tang and wish him the best for his forthcoming term of office. We are confident that under his guidance WIPO will successfully continue its mission to conduct the development of a balanced and effective international IP system.

Mr Chairman, the Delegation of Hungary notes with respect and fully supports the intention to limit the work of this year's Assemblies on indispensable administrative issues. In the same time, we would like to emphasize our commitment to the inevitable work of the Assemblies in achieving progress on global IP policy matters. And thus, we would like to express our continue interest and readiness to carry on with the substantive work of the Assemblies in the near future.

Finally, we would like to reiterate our full support in tackling the issues on this year's agenda and we are very much looking forward to a constructive and efficient series of meetings under your dedicated guidance.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.