

Opening statement by Sweden at the 64rd Series of WIPO Assemblies

Chair, Honourable Ministers, Your Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

First of all, we would like to express our gratitude to you Chair, all Vice-chairs and the secretariat for all your hard work preparing for this meeting.

Chair, we are looking forward to working efficiently under your able guidance and that of your vice-chairs during this meeting.

The Swedish delegation fully supports the opening statements made by Switzerland on behalf of Group B and by Spain on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

We would like to thank the Director General Daren Tang and Deputy Director Generals and Assistant Director Generals. We appreciate all the good work and contributions made to further develop the work of WIPO during the last year.

The Swedish delegation wishes to reiterate its concerns over the decision to move the Assemblies from the fall to the summer and the difficulties it creates for delegations to prepare for the General Assemblies.

Sweden appreciates WIPO's contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by promoting a strong, balanced, and effective IP system that encourages innovation and creativity.

Gender equality and inclusiveness is of great importance to Sweden. We note that the activities focused on women inventors and innovators have increased at WIPO and we encourage WIPO and Member States to continue work in this important area. We are pleased that the World Intellectual Property Day this year celebrated women and intellectual property.

Sweden looks forward to continuing its cooperation with WIPO and the development of the international intellectual property system to the benefit of economic, social and cultural development for all.

Thank you Chair.