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Statement of India by Shri Anurag Jain, Secretary, DPIIT

(Reading Out time: 3 minutes allocated to each Member State)

Thank You Madam Chair

India in its national capacity would like to congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the General Assemblies. We also thank the Director General Daren Tang and the Secretariat for their comprehensive preparation for this Assembly and the update on WIPO's activities. We also commend WIPO's work under Director General's leadership and his vision to build a more inclusive IP community for youth, women, SMEs, and Start-ups. India stands ready to extend its support in fostering this vision.

Madam Chair,

The IP landscape and innovation ecosystem in India has shown significant growth over the last decade with India's transition to a knowledge based economy and society. This is demonstrated by the remarkable improvement in domestic filing of IP applications, and especially of Patents with a 46 % increase in the last 5 years. As India completes 75 years of independence, this increased focus on inclusive growth supporting knowledge, innovation and sustainability form the principal bedrocks of development strategy.

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Madam Chair

Many member states like India suffer from misappropriation and bio-piracy of their rich genetic resources and biodiversity due to absence of an international framework for protection of Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions. We urge member states to resolve differences and work towards early finalization of an international legal instrument for a balanced and effective protection of GR, TK, TCE.

We would also like to reiterate our support for early conclusion of the Design Law and the Broadcasting Treaties, both of which have been under discussion for a long time.

Madam Chair

We also wish to reiterate our willingness to host a WIPO external office in India to lead the development of a balanced and effective international IP system in the region and promote IP services and values. India is also committed to its role in concert with WIPO in providing effective support services to various other developing countries.

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This delegation would also like to reiterate the need to give equitable geographic representation a due consideration across all WIPO functions and committees.

Madam Chair

It is important to underline the high expectations we have from this meeting. A number of substantive issues have been pending for a long time and this delegation would like to state its intent and willingness for making rapid progress on these fronts.

Thank you, Madam Chair.