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**GENERAL STATEMENT
OF
THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
AGENDA ITEM 5**

Madam Chair,

It gives me outstanding pleasure to congratulate you upon your election as Vice-President of the General Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

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Let me congratulate the Director General and WIPO staff for the presented reports and hard work.

The Delegation of the Republic of Poland associates itself with the statements made by the Central European and Baltic States Group and the European Union. We fully support them.

Poland appreciates WIPO's ongoing efforts to promote the use and protection of IP globally and welcomes the steps taken to improve accountability. Poland supports WIPO's efforts to maintain the Organization's place as the global IP authority, to promote effective use and protection of IP worldwide and to reinforce its global IP role. Those efforts will continue to foster economic, social and cultural development of all countries.

Madam Chair,

I would like to highlight here only some selected issues. The whole statement has already been submitted for the records and will be reproduced in the report of this session.

With regard to the SCT, Poland welcomes progress in the work on the draft provisions on industrial design law and practice, harmonizing and simplifying design registration, formalities and procedures. Since in our opinion the text of the draft Treaty is matured, we strongly support an idea of convening a diplomatic conference for the adoption of a Design Law Treaty in 2014.

Poland is of the view that last two years of hard work within the Standing Committee on Copyrights and Related Rights have shown the ability of WIPO to provide successful outcome proving that establishing harmonized level of protection of intellectual property at the international level is achievable. Both Diplomatic Conferences resulting in the Beijing Treaty and the Marrakesh Treaty are also the proof that reasonable and balanced approach, ensuring continued respect for the copyright and creativity, are underlying values of the work of the whole organization.

Poland supports the view that the main priority for the further work of the SCCR should be focused on working out the proposal for the treaty on the protection of the broadcasting organizations with the objective of reaching a decision to convene a diplomatic conference in this regard in the nearest future. Ensuring adequate protection at the international level for broadcasting organizations is highly needed and an up-date for the 21st century is long

overdue. Poland is ready to put much effort on establishing a road map and then working on this issue.

Let me take this opportunity Madam Chair to thank WIPO, and in particular the Division for Transition and Developed Countries, for outstanding cooperation and assistance in many initiatives undertaken by the Polish Patent Office. We very much appreciate the contribution of the Division in promoting IPRs in Poland. Program 10, in the upcoming Budget for 2014/2015, will be of great value to my country, giving new opportunities for expanding our relationship with WIPO.

Thank you Madam Chair