

The General Statement of the Delegation of the Slovak Republic

(Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO)

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Thank you Chair,

The Slovak Republic welcomes your election as Chairman of the 55th Series of Assemblies of WIPO. We wish you all the success and would like to express our commitment to assist you and provide you full support.

We thank the WIPO Secretariat for all their efforts and great work in organising these Assemblies. Our warm thanks and salutes especially go to the Director General and his team.

As a Member of the European Union and the Central European and Baltic States Regional Group we associate ourselves with the EU and the CEBS general statements.

A great amount of work has been done throughout this year. The normative “breakthrough” was the successful Diplomatic Conference in May where the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement was adopted. The delegation of the Slovak Republic actively participated in negotiations during the Diplomatic Conference – and we appreciated openness, fair and inclusive character of the discussions. The Slovak Republic has taken all the views of the WIPO Member States into serious consideration, regardless whether they differ or share the same spirit from the outset, group or country they have come from. What we believe in, is the need to exercise a good will to hear each other and value all the relevant arguments properly to achieve the best possible results.

Chair,

The Slovak Republic does realise its own part of responsibility as a Member State of the Lisbon System and is ready to negotiate with relevant partners all the open issues in this regard.

The Slovak Republic is one of the founding states of the Visegrad Patent Institute which is expected to be appointed as an ISA and IPEA according to the PCT.

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