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Opening Statement for Samoa

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of Samoa I would like to say Talofa to you Mr. Chair as also greet all members of the WIPO General Assembly in attendance today.

We would like to thank Mr. Director General and the International Bureau of WIPO staff for the preparations of the documentation for the present series of Assemblies.

It is a pleasure for the Samoan delegation to be here at the 59th General Assemblies. I Minister of Commerce Industry and Labour and the Head of Delegation assure you of Samoa's commitment towards making this meeting a success.

Samoa last year became a member of the Madrid Protocol in 2018 and is here this time to deliver on her promise to accede to the PCT, the Geneva Act to the Hague Agreement and the Geneva Act to the Lisbon Agreement.

We would like to thank all the Divisions of WIPO that assisted the IP Registry Office in accession preparatory work.

Thank you Ms Binying Wang and the teams from the Madrid Registry, the Hague Registry and the Lisbon Registry. Thank you Mr. John Sandage and the team from the PCT Registry. Thank Mr. Andrew Ong and the team from the Regional Bureau for Asia. Thank you Mr. William Meredith and the team from the IP Offices Business Solutions. Thank you for all your hard work and support.

Lastly, the Government of Samoa would also like to thank the Government of Australia, Government of South Korea and the Government of the Philippines for your support towards the capacity building of our IP officers through your respective IP Offices. Faafetai tele lava.

Thank you Chairman and ladies and gentlemen for your patience. We look forward to being part of a productive and fruitful discussions during the General Assemblies.

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