

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative of Myanmar  
at the 61<sup>st</sup> series of the meetings of Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO  
(21 to 25 September 2020)  
(2 minutes)**

Mr. Chairman,

Myanmar associates itself with the statements delivered by Viet Nam and Singapore on behalf of ASEAN and Asia-Pacific Group, respectively.

Myanmar would like to thank you, Mr. Chair and the Bureau as well as WIPO Director-General and the Secretariat, for your excellent work and invaluable efforts at this unprecedented time. I wish to rest assure you of our full support for the successful outcome of the meeting.

We commend the Director-General and his team for the comprehensive and informative report and welcome the Global Innovation Index 2020.

Mr. Chair,

I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to the outgoing Director-General Mr. Francis Gurry for his excellent stewardship, relentless efforts and dedication to the work of the development of a balanced and effective international IP system.

I also wish to join others in congratulating Mr. Daren Tang on his appointment as Director General of WIPO. I am confident that under his leadership and wisdom, the organization can foster the interest of the member states and enhance its activities in promoting creativity and innovation.

Mr. Chair,

The pandemic has further exacerbated our existing challenges. We are of the view that stronger international cooperation and multilateralism are very much indispensable to overcome them and rebuild the better environment. Accordingly, the development agenda of WIPO could create a promising future for the developing countries in their endeavors in solving the mounting challenges.

Mr. Chair,

Amidst many challenges during the pandemic and beyond, the Government of Myanmar continue its efforts to develop and flourish a proper Intellectual Property system in the country. The Government has formed the IP Central Committee in March 2020 to successfully implement the IP Laws promulgated in 2019. In addition, I am pleased to announce that the soft opening of the National Intellectual Property Office will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> of October, starting with receiving the trademark registration through electronic filing system (WIPO FILE system). In this regard, I wish to thank WIPO for its assistance.

We always value the work of WIPO and look forward to continue working closely with WIPO and other member states for the development of international IP system.

I, Thank you.