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General Statement of the Republic of Poland

Mr Chair,

Polish delegation would like to thank you, Chair, and the Vice Chairs of the General Assembly, Director General and the Secretariat for your efforts to convene these Assemblies. We would also like to express our appreciation for ensuring full operability of the Organization, and safety of its staff and all delegates to the Assemblies in these challenging times.

The delegation of Poland associates itself with the statements made by Latvia on behalf of the Central Europe and Baltic States and Germany on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

We would like to express our deep appreciation to Dr. Francis Gurry for his outstanding work during his 12 years tenure as Director General of WIPO, especially for launching WIPO conversations on AI which is a key point for discussion in the innovative economy. Under his remarkable leadership, the Organization has achieved significant results and has an excellent record of sound financial stewardship as presented in the recent WIPO report. All his accomplishments in the area of IP as well as in the condition of the Organization deserve the highest appreciation. We wish Dr. Francis Gurry all the best of success in his future endeavours.

Poland congratulates Mr. Daren Tang on his election as the Director General of WIPO and is convinced that under his bright leadership, intellectual property will continue growing as an efficient driver of innovation and development of all countries. We firmly believe that WIPO will also continue to keep pace with the ongoing technological changes and the upcoming new reality. In this context, we would like to take this opportunity to express our full commitment and support to WIPO's work on the various aspects of IP and digital technologies and markets such as AI or the video games industries. The Polish delegation also wishes all the success to Mr. Tang in establishing a senior management team for the Organization with the recognition of the best competences, trust and geographical balance.

Poland highly appreciates the existing various cooperation activities between the CEBS group member states and WIPO and we look forward to further enhancing these excellent relations. Let me also sincerely thank the team of the Department for Transition and Developed Countries (TDC) for their outstanding cooperation and assistance in numerous initiatives delivered to Poland, which contribute to the promotion of intellectual property rights in our country.

Last but not least, let me reaffirm our commitment to the further continuation of the cooperation with WIPO as well as the new Director General and his team to contribute to the global IP development in the years to come.

Thank you, Mr Chair.