

GENERAL STATEMENT 2023 – **NORWAY** – WIPO Assemblies, 64<sup>th</sup> Series of Meetings

The Norwegian Delegation wishes to express its satisfaction of seeing the Chair on the podium and wishes the best of luck in guiding this Assembly to a successful conclusion. We also welcome and congratulate the Vice-Chairs. We commend the Secretariat and Director General Daren Tang for their excellent preparatory work for these assemblies.

Norway maintains the importance of improving the Member States' ability to monitor the economy and administration of WIPO and welcomes the continued efforts and cooperation to this end.

The Norwegian delegation commends the International Bureau for its continued focus on securing the best available global services under the PCT, Madrid and Hague systems. Smooth systems, ongoing dedication to simplification and cost-savings for the benefit of the users - these are crucial to continued and increased use of these global IP-services. We note with pleasure that the working groups under these systems continue to make progress for improving regulations, guidelines and practices. Norway is committed to the work on global services, in the interest of the existing and future users of the systems.

Norway continues to support the work in the SCCR towards a treaty on the protection of broadcasting organizations. We welcome a successful outcome for the two diplomatic conferences in front of us in 2024.

As part of this year's World IP Day, the Norwegian Industrial Property Office also underlined the great importance of Women and IP. Together, we wish to work to achieve more diversity and inclusivity in the IP World. Our campaign garnered a lot of attention in Norway and it is important that we all continue the work in achieving increased inclusiveness, for example by encouraging women in studying for a technical education,

With regard to developments in Norway, we acceded to the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks and the Treaty entered into force on March 1, 2023. The Trade Mark Act was amended with effect from March 1 2023 to implement legislation pursuant to the Directive (EU) 2015/2436 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2015 to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks.

By way of conclusion, the Norwegian Delegation underlines its commitment to contribute in a positive and constructive way to the success of these General Assemblies.