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Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of my delegation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate you on your resumption as the chair of the 59th Assemblies. We are confident that under your chairmanship, we will achieve other fruitful outcomes.

I would like to express our appreciations to DG Francis GURRY for the fruitful and productive bilateral meeting with our Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen took place on 22 October 2018 in Geneva. The high level meeting was strengthening the good cooperation between Cambodia and WIPO.

We would like to join other to congratulate on the achievements that WIPO has made in the previous year under the guidance of the DG and his team. We feel very encouraged to see the expansion of WIPO's global IP service as well as ADR service, which seems to be expected by many member states including LDCs. We believe that those services will greatly promote future development of this organization.

Cambodia associates itself with the statement made by Singapore on behalf of APG and Vietnam on behalf of ASEAN.

We have recognized the importance of IP as tool for development. Cambodia, therefore, has attached itself to the international agreements, conventions and treaties. Cambodia has become the 95th member of the Madrid Protocol, 151st member of PCT, 66th member of the Hague Agreement, 1st state party to join the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications in 2018, Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performance in 2019 and in principle, Cambodia is ready to be the member of Bern Convention. The instrument of the Bern Convention will be deposited to the Director General in coming months. Moreover, Cambodia has committed to join other treaties in the near future to enable us to fully utilize the IP system.

Based on resources and experiences, Cambodia has applied for its role in the CoCo. We would like to echo for the expansion of the CoCo and PBC members. We believe that with the solidarity and as an LDC we will have chance to serve in the committee and play active role in upholding the IP principles. We commit to working closely with WIPO and all members in the way forward for the effective implementation of IP related agreements and conventions.

Mr. Chairman,

In order to put in place the IP protection system in Cambodia, most of IP laws and regulations were adopted since 2002 and with the WIPO support, Cambodia has been implementing various on-going projects such as the Branding Project, the National IP Strategy 2020-2025, the Project on Resource and Management Diagnostic, the establishment of Technology and Innovation Support Center, the drafts and amendments of IP laws and regulations and so on so forth.

On the use of Technical Assurances, Cambodia has effectively used it for the areas of patent, processing PCT applications and updating e-filing system. Moreover, on the collaboration with WIPO, Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and other incorporated agencies that a number of IP programs have been conducted for capacity building in Cambodia.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank WIPO and all development partners for supporting IP development. We would request the continued assurances to support branding of potential of local products, strengthen and improve the IP administration, innovation, invention and enforcement in responding to the change of the global IP as well as the needs of our people.

We look forward to the constructive discussions and wish the 59th Assemblies a successful and fruitful conclusion.

I thank you!