

**ASSEMBLIES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF
THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION
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GENERAL STATEMENT – AUSTRALIA

Australia thanks Director General Daren Tang and the Secretariat for their excellent work over the past year and offer our support in making this General Assemblies a great success.

We especially welcome the efforts of Director General Tang, the Secretariat and WIPO Member States on the WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge concluded this year. This landmark Treaty delivers much needed recognition of the use of Indigenous Peoples' genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge in the patent system. The treaty results from more than 20 years of advocacy and hard work from many people, including the invaluable contributions of the Indigenous Caucus, and will help support the cultural integrity and economic potential of Indigenous Knowledge in the IP system.

We are confident Member States will work constructively at the Diplomatic Conference to conclude the Design Law Treaty. This treaty is another pivotal opportunity to demonstrate that by working together we can deliver tangible benefits for a diversity of creative people across the globe.

We were pleased to launch with WIPO the fourth iteration of the WIPO-Australia Funds-in-Trust program with \$2 million funding provided by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for a 3 year program. This program is intended to help countries in the Indo-Pacific region build their IP capabilities and to facilitate innovation to assist with global challenges like climate change.

We congratulate WIPO on the 10th anniversary of Accessible Books Consortium. We continue to urge Member States to join the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled to spread its clear humanitarian benefits.

Australia continues to support working towards a treaty on the protection of broadcasting organisations, and welcomes information sharing on issues related to Generative AI and copyright.

Australia remains deeply committed to working with you all to ensure that the international IP system fulfils its social and economic purposes for the benefit of everyone.