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### **ITEM 18**

#### **Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System**

Mr. Chair, Director General,

The Czech Republic is fully aligned with the statements delivered on behalf of the European Union, the CEBS Group, as well as the Group B.

Let me add also our voice of persistent support and solidarity with Ukraine, which is facing a war of aggression of the Russian Federation for over two years. We condemn Russia's continued military actions, which have significant repercussions on people and businesses inside as well as outside Ukraine, including on the IP community and the relevant stakeholders.

We are grateful for the assistance and support delivered by WIPO Secretariat based on the relevant Decision of the 64<sup>th</sup> Session of the WIPO Assemblies, aiming to help Ukraine to rebuild its innovation and creativity sector and intellectual property system, as has been described in the comprehensive and factual report (document A/65/7).

The Report provides evidence of the negative impact of the war on Ukrainian IP ecosystem and its innovative and creative sector, as well as of the need of continued assistance from WIPO.

It is therefore no politicization when we urge WIPO to sustain its supporting activities in Ukraine as long as they are necessary.

In order to keep this priority matter in the attention of WIPO's highest governing body, we see a need of continued regular reporting on these activities to the WIPO General Assembly.

Thus, we fully support the proposed decision, tabled jointly by the CEBS Group and the Group B in the document A/65/8, and we believe that its carefully drafted language can be acceptable for all WIPO Member States.

At the same time, we remain hopeful that at our next gathering we will be already taking stock of the process of post-war reconstruction of Ukraine, within its internationally recognized borders.

Just in reaction to the concerns about possible discrimination, raised by some delegations today, let me stress that the assistance provided to Ukraine does not prevent other Member States from requesting and receiving any WIPO assistance they may need. We are not aware of other Member States wishing to bring such needs to the attention of the General Assembly.

I thank you.

Reactive statement:

Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

I want to support the proposal made by Ukraine and Moldova.

Let me stress that this Delegation very much values the principle of consensus. But unfortunately, although one of the proposals (at least to my appearance) looks to have a huge support, we have heard objections from at least two Member States.

At the same time, based on the experience from previous years, there is little prospect that we could arrive at a consensual text.

So, we do not really see a need for further time and consultations.

I think that all the Delegations know where they stand. So let's just deal with this issue as soon as possible.

Thank you.

2. Reactive statement:

Thank you very much, Chair.

I can support the statements made by Moldova and the Netherlands.

Just one idea (and I am sorry for improvising a little bit), as I understand from reading the room and from the debate we had, the Delegations need more time to consider the new proposal which arrived only this morning.

So, I wonder if we can perhaps divide the decisions, because the second one would be still voted upon only in case we fail to have agreement on the first one.

So maybe we can have a vote on the first decision tabled jointly by CEBS and Group B. And if that one does not make it, we can then actually give it more time to consider the second one.

Thank you.