



Kingdom of Eswatini

MEMBER GENERAL STATEMENT

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Chair, the delegation of the Kingdom of Eswatini aligns itself with the statement of the African Group, delivered on behalf of the Group by the delegation of Kenya. We appreciate the report delivered by the Director General. Furthermore, we note and appreciate the clear vision he has for the organization and this leaves no doubt that the organization will achieve its mandate.

Chair, we appreciate the hard work of the various Committees of the organisation, in which we are increasingly engaging ourselves and observing whether or not the intended purposes for their establishment and ambitious potentials are attained. It is of priority to us to see IP in action on ground and the tangible and measurable impact being observed in the lives of our people, creators and innovators.

Chair, we appreciate the work of the Secretariat in continuing to carry out its technical assistance mandate. Eswatini has received technical assistance supporting the review of our IP regulatory framework to ensure that the legislative and policy environment is compatible with our needs. This is one of the topmost priorities as we continue to develop and maintain a robust IP regulatory environment that supports innovation and creativity in its various facets.

Finally, Chair, we note with appreciation the collaboration and partnership of WIPO with our regional IP body, ARIPO, in providing support and capacity building initiatives, thus harnessing and consolidating the synergies offered by the two bodies. We wish to highlight the need to be cognisant of the parallel development in the IP landscape in the region and Africa as a whole, so as to prevent the implementation challenges and complexities that would be brought about by divergent IP systems in different fora.

We wish Members success in the deliberations and the fruitful conclusion of this session.