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Re: General Statement to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO: Sixty-Fifth Series of Meetings (9 to 17 July 2024) (Agenda #4)

(150 words)

Honorable Chair, Director General, distinguished Delegates, thank you for the floor.

Institute for IP and Social Justice stresses that IP systems must balance economic and social aims equally, in a manner that offers access, inclusion, and empowerment for all.

WIPO's **IP Gender Action Plan** should include initiatives designed to also address intersectional discrimination and misogyny in the creative and innovative ecosystems. We stress the need to move away from projects that prioritize **only** "getting more women into the system." Intersectional discrimination and misogyny are **systemic barriers** that must be corrected. IP laws must form part of the solution.

Efforts to address intersectional discrimination must also be at the heart of **data collection projects**. More should be done to develop methodologies for non-registrable IP rights (mainly, copyright); and methodologies beyond the mere binary counting of genders, so that we also include gender-diverse people.

For more, please see our written statement.

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