

Japan's intervention at the 65th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (July 9th-July 17th, 2024)

Agenda item 18: Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System
Report on the Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System (A/65/7)

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Japan appreciates the efforts of the Secretariat for the updated report summarizing its various activities on assistance and support measures for the innovation and creativity sector and the intellectual property system of Ukraine.

In particular, Japan congratulates the Memorandum of Understanding signed and implemented between WIPO and the relevant Ukrainian authorities, including the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine. We appreciate the MoU as a very fundamental demonstration of WIPO's commitment to provide continued support to Ukraine.

As the report clearly shows, the unjustified and unprovoked aggression by Russia has caused further damage to infrastructure, loss or damage to research equipment, and a decrease in research and development funding. The ongoing war has had a tremendous negative impact on the innovation and creativity sector and the intellectual property system of Ukraine.

It is urged to ensure continued support and assistance that will provide concrete benefits and impact, focusing on mitigating the negative effects of the war and rebuilding an innovative and creative ecosystem in Ukraine that will benefit all stakeholders and strengthen the country's economy.

Japan would like to reiterate our solidarity with the people of Ukraine and support rebuilding its IP infrastructure and the IP ecosystem. Japan echoes the statement made by the Delegation of the Netherlands on behalf of Group B and we will support the draft decision.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.