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AGENDA ITEM 4: General Statements

Thank you, Mr. Chair, for giving me the floor. I make this statement on behalf of the Native American Rights Fund and the National Congress of American Indians, which is the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the United States.

While much work remains to achieve adequate protections for Indigenous Peoples' intellectual property, the advancements made at the Diplomatic Conference demonstrate that collaboration of Member States and Indigenous Peoples can indeed result in positive developments. During the Diplomatic Conference, Member States exhibited a commendable spirit of compromise, cooperation, and engagement with Indigenous representatives, resulting in consensus on WIPO's newest treaty.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all Member States for engaging with us and for securing critical Treaty language that acknowledges our rights and supports our participation in the Treaty's implementation. We look forward to working constructively alongside Member States towards the realization of future achievements in the traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions negotiations.

Thank you.