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The Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT)

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Mr Chair,

Dear Deputy Director General,

Poland aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the European Union and the Central European and Baltic States Group. We join everyone in expressing our appreciation to the Secretariat as well as to the Chair for the work done within SCT, with a view of making the Intellectual Property a user-friendly and a useful tool in building economic growth and development.

We look forward to the concrete outcomes of the Design Law Treaty (DLT) Diplomatic Conference to be held in Riyadh this year. Let me reiterate that my country attaches great importance to this work. Poland is ranked as the 6th in terms of the number of industrial designs filed globally, and that is why this Treaty is of high significance to our designers.

We would like to draw your attention and urge the Secretariat to effectively address the matter of false and erroneus registrations of country of origin throughout various WIPO platforms with regard to the data concerning applications coming from the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. Such situations stand in contradiction to the positions adopted within the United Nations framework, recognizing territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine, which has been violated by the Russian unjustified and unprovoked aggression against Ukraine.

It is important that WIPO reflects in a correct manner, in accordance with the United Nations decisions, territorial scope of trademarks, designs and geographical indications within the Organization's registration systems.

Thank you, Mr Chair.