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**Statement of the Republic of Poland
under Agenda Item 12**

**The Madrid System
(document MM/A/58/1)**

Madam Chair,
Dear DDG Wang,

The Delegation of Poland fully aligns itself with the statements made by the Distinguished Delegate of the Republic of Moldova on behalf of the CEBS Group, and the Distinguished Delegates of Lithuania and Ukraine.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Chairs and the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the work of the 21st session of the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks. We would also like to thank you for preparing the document MM/A/58/1 and presenting it to us.

As the important issues that have been discussed during the last Madrid Working Group session may lead to the significant changes in the Madrid System, my delegation wishes to comment on this subject.

Poland is in favour of reviewing Article 6 of the Madrid Protocol and considers supporting the reduction of the dependency period from 5 to 3 years, however we are of the view that this topic requires further attention and more in-depth discussions and considerations if the dependency or the requirement for a basic mark is to be completely abolished.

We continue to engage in the discussions related to the introduction of new languages into the Madrid System. We see a need to further explore specific issues, especially the criteria defining the introduction of new languages. Poland would not be in a position to support any solutions that entail a potential negative impact for the Madrid System users, especially taking into account financial aspects of such possible changes.

The continued negative impact of the unprovoked and unjustified Russian war of aggression against Ukraine are described in the last year's WIPO's Report on Assistance and Support for Ukraine's innovation and creativity sector and intellectual property system, as well as in the Report issued this year. Significant negative effects of the war are clearly reflected there. Therefore, Poland cannot accept the introduction of the Russian language to the Madrid system in view of the Russian Federation's continued unprovoked, unjustified and full-scale aggression against Ukraine and Russian violation of the United Nations Charter.

In conclusion, Mr Chair, my delegation looks forward to taking part in the next session of the Madrid Working Group in order to discuss the issues of our mutual concern.

Thank you, Mr Chair.