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**Statement of the Republic of Poland
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Mr Chair,

The Delegation of Poland fully aligns itself with the statement made by Moldova on behalf of the CEBS Group, and with the statements presented by Ukraine and Lithuania.

First of all, my delegation would like to thank the Chairs of the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs, and the Secretariat for their work during the last session of the the Working Group. We also express our appreciation for preparing the documents presented for our consideration.

One of the topics at the last Hague Working Group was the issue of possible introduction of new languages to the Hague System.

Similarly to our position on the possible introduction of new languages to the Madrid System, we see the need for more in-depth discussions and considerations. Such introduction should be based on clear and objective criteria and should not entail a negative impact for the Hague System users, especially taking into account possible financial implications of such changes. We would also like to see that all vital technical aspects, especially for IP Offices, would be taken into thoughtful consideration.

Poland is not in the position to support the introduction of the Russian language to this system. As we already expressed, the aggressor state should not make use of WIPO's resources, funds and its global IP registration systems as long as it continues its unjustified and unprovoked war against Ukraine, and violates the international law.

In conclusion, Mr Chair, my delegation looks forward to taking part in the next session of the Hague Working Group in order to contribute to further works of this Group.

Thank you, Mr Chair.