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**65TH SERIES OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE
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Chairman of the WIPO General Assembly, your Excellency
Ambassador Alfredo Suescum of Panama,

Madam Vice Chairman Ms. Mercy K. Kainobwisho of Uganda,

Director General of WIPO Mr. Daren Tang,

Honourable Ministers,
Your Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Talofa lava and greetings from the Independent State of Samoa,

Mr Chair,

The Samoan delegation wishes to congratulate you and your and
Madame Vice Chair on your appointments.

We trust that your wisdom and abled leadership will ensure
success in the affairs of the General Assembly.

Mr. Daren Tang, the Director General of WIPO, and the Secretariat
thank you for your dynamic leadership and the excellent



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preparations for these General Assemblies. Thank you sincerely,
FAAFETAI TELE LAVA.

Mr. Chair,

Samoa continues to acknowledge the excellent support we have received to date from the Mr. Andrew Ong and the Asia Pacific Division especially with regards to the support on Samoa's Branding Bureau work as well as Branding work in the Pacific Region. Malo le galulue.

We wish to thank all the WIPO Divisions that provide ongoing support to the Samoa Registry of Companies and Intellectual Properties, namely the Madrid Registry, the Lisbon Registry, the PCT Registry and the Hague Registry.

We acknowledge WIPO's endless support through the IP Office Business Solutions Division. IPAS is the cornerstone to our IP registry. Thank you WIPO.

Lastly Mr. Chair, Samoa wishes to emphasize the importance of the conclusion and adoption of the historic Treaty on Intellectual property, Genetic Resources and Associates Traditional Knowledge. We would like to thank all the members of the WIPO Family that supported this groundbreaking initiative. Samoa as a country with a rich and diverse cultural heritage, is passionate about the preservation of our culture, traditional knowledge, biodiversity and creativity is working towards becoming a party of this New Treaty. We wish to congratulate Assistant Director General (ADG) Edward Kwakwa, Director Wend Wendland and the Traditional Knowledge Division for the marvelous 25 years of work.



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Let us continue the momentum to the work on Intellectual Property, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore.

Mr. Chair,

In the interest of time, Samoa will make further statements under specific agenda items. Nevertheless, we are committed to addressing outstanding issues under discussion at these Assemblies.

Thank you Mr Chair.

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