

**Statement by His Excellency DR. ABDALLAH SALEH POSSI, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations Offices in Geneva and other International Organisations at the 65<sup>th</sup> Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of Member States of WIPO in Geneva, July 2024**

Chairperson,

Tanzania's delegation wishes to congratulate you and the Vice Chairs for being elected to chair the 65<sup>th</sup> Series of WIPO Assemblies. We renew our commitment to support you, and believe that you will steer the Assemblies to successful conclusions. We also wish to express our appreciation to the Director General Daren Tang for his comprehensive report, and the work of the WIPO Secretariat in preparing and sharing in advance adequate information and documents for the Assemblies.

Tanzania aligns herself with the statement made by the distinguished Delegate of Kenya on behalf of the African Group, and echos the need for the Secretariat to continue constructively engaging with different regional groupings and delegations with a view to exchanging ideas and approaches towards a more representative and multicultural workforce at all levels and in all sectors of WIPO.

Chairperson,

We commend the work of various Committees of WIPO for carrying out the works of their programmes as per the General Assembly's directives and mandate, especially in the implementation of the Development Agenda. We would also like to congratulate you and fellow Member States for the adoption of the historic Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge, and look forward to extension of its scope to Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expression protections. We further make an appeal to Member States to device measures and efforts necessary to ensure full implementation of the Treaty in order to realize its objectives.

We express gratitude to WIPO for selecting Tanzania for four significant projects for this year, namely, (i) IP Management Clinic for SMEs/Startups under WIPO's COVID-19 Response Package; (ii) Establishment of IP Institution and Eastern Africa IP Hub; (iii) Updating the Study on the Contribution of Copyright based Industries to National Economy; and, (iv) New Initiative on Building Respect for IP in Tanzania, involving capacity building program for a total of 36 prosecutors, police officers and market surveillance officers.

We also take cognisance of the fact that WIPO has continued to support and collaborate with Tanzania in several activities and programs including, capacity building programs; completion of the configuration of WIPO IPAS Online system and support in the ICT Environment through WIPOCOS and WIPO Connect; Formulation of Intellectual Property Policy for Zanzibar; National Training Program for Young Innovators; Distance Learning access platform for Masters of IP Program at the University of Dar es Salaam; capacity building to Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) Project institutions; WIPO IP Diagnostic Tool that has been translated in Kiswahili language; Joint Program for Training of Trainers on IP teaching methodologies through the WIPO Academy; funding and facilitation to Tanzania League of the Blind and the Copyright Office by issuing Daisy Vevo Devices and training to three (3) secondary and four (4) primary schools for students and teachers with visual disability as an outcome of domestication of the Marrakesh Treaty; to mention just a few.

We believe that, the successful implementation of these Projects will enhance the effective use of Innovation and IP Ecosystem in the country.

Chairperson,

Tanzania continues to improve IP services and enforcement through protection; enforcement; legal reforms; capacity building and awareness creation programs

through workshops, seminars and the use of media platforms. We look forward to further collaborations and support from WIPO in these initiatives, particularly to SMEs and innovators from underrepresented groups such as youths and women.

Tanzania's Delegation takes this opportunity to wish the Director General and the Member States successful conclusion of the Design Law Treaty later this year. We assure you of our active and constructive engagement for successful conclusion of the Assemblies.

I thank you Chair!