

Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

The Turkish Delegation would like to begin by extending its heartfelt wishes for a successful Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Also, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to you Mr. Chair and Madame Vice-Chair for your guidance for the preparation of the proceedings.

Moreover, we would like to express our appreciation to the Director General and his team for their tireless efforts in organizing the 65<sup>th</sup> Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Distinguished Delegates,

To foster innovative progress on technology and to enable economic growth, we should encourage the creation of products resulting from knowledge and creativity. To this end, it is beyond any doubt that, we all need for a strong intellectual property system.

In that regard, Türkiye recognizes the paramount importance of fostering a robust and inclusive global IP ecosystem that empowers creators, copyright-based and cultural industries, innovators, and entrepreneurs alike.

Over the past years, National IP Offices of Türkiye, namely TÜRKPATENT and DG Copyright, have worked towards strengthening national intellectual property system, aligning it with the international best practices.

Furthermore, Türkiye remains committed to promote intellectual property rights in all segments of society in order to build a more promising future.

In response to our efforts, Türkiye ranks 12<sup>th</sup> in patent applications, 3<sup>rd</sup> in trademark applications and 2<sup>nd</sup> in design applications by origin. Similarly, we are very proud to make a big jump in Global Innovation Index in recent years and become one of the top 40 innovative economies around the world.

The progress that we achieved in the last decade, is a strong indicator of our commitment and our efforts towards improving our innovation ecosystem.

Distinguished Delegates,

While we are referring to the remarkable development in Turkish IP landscape, we would like to underline the valuable support of WIPO in all our efforts.

Particularly during the last decade, in collaboration with WIPO, Türkiye embarked on several initiatives which are aimed at promoting innovation-driven growth.

Beyond our bilateral cooperation with WIPO, Türkiye attaches utmost importance to the policy making within WIPO. In this regard, approval of the WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources, and Associated Traditional Knowledge marks a significant milestone for multilateralism and consensus-based decision-making.

We are confident that, with the same spirit we can achieve success in Riyadh Diplomatic Conference on Design Law.

Distinguished Delegates,

In closing, Türkiye will constructively engage in the discussions on the 65th Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

While we align ourselves with the statement delivered by the Netherlands on behalf of Group B, we would like to emphasize our support for transparent and consensus-based decision making in WIPO.

We are confident that, 65th Assemblies will serve as a meaningful platform for dialogue, collaboration and collective efforts for the benefit of global IP system.

We extend our greetings and best wishes to all.

Thank you Chair.