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**General Statement Delivered By the Delegation of Zambia**

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**Thank you, Chairperson.**

**Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,**

The Delegation of Zambia would like to join other Delegations in congratulating the Chair for his election and further wish to thank the Director-General and the Secretariat for the excellent preparation of all the documents for this year's General Assemblies.

**Chairperson,**

Zambia reaffirms its commitment to being a part of and contributing to the community of nations which foster an environment where creativity is protected, incentivised and celebrated.

In an interconnected world facing unprecedented challenges, the role of intellectual property development cannot be overemphasised. It is, therefore, important that countries work together at ensuring that IP empowers creators, innovators and entrepreneurs to transform ideas into reality, drive technological advancement, medical breakthroughs, and artistic expression.

It is equally important that the benefits of innovation and creativity must be appreciated and spread to all mankind in different parts of the world including the least developing countries. We, therefore, support the work of WIPO and the Division for Africa in particular, for spearheading many creative activities in Africa, some which the Director General referred to in his Report. We also look forward to the forthcoming WIPO feasibility study on implementation of Geographical Indications

labeling for local specialty products in Zambia and we thank the Director General for responding favourably to our request in this regard.

**Mr. Chairperson**

My Delegation aligns itself with the Statement made by Kenya on behalf of the Africa Group and further wish to reiterate Zambia's appreciation of the efforts that WIPO is making to mainstream the WIPO Development Agenda. Our delegation therefore looks forward to the mainstreaming of the 45 recommendations of the Development Agenda into substantive programs.

**Chairperson,**

Zambia would like take this opportunity to appreciate the historic conclusion of the Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge associated with Genetic Resources in May this year. The conclusion of this treaty gives us an opportunity to align our exiting national law with the provisions of the treaty.

Equally, we look forward to a possible conclusion of the Design Law Treaty during the forthcoming Diplomatic Conference in Saudi Arabia.

In conclusion, my delegation assures you Chairperson of constructive and objective engagement throughout these meetings.

I thank you.