Mr. Chair,

The Portuguese delegation, as a Member State of the European Union, would like to reiterate its support and commitment for advancing work on quality of patents and we consider the sharing session on the use of artificial intelligence for examination of patent applications very useful because it helps member states to understand the real impacts of artificial intelligence on issues related with patents.

Regarding the document "Study on approaches to the quality of patent grant process" (SCP/31/3), as we said before we consider this study very relevant because it allows sharing information among member states, providing a stronger knowledge and understanding of how each member state understands "quality of patent grant process", which in our opinion, is important to improve the Quality System.

Thank you