

STATEMENT
of the delegation of the Republic of Moldova
at the 62st Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO

Dear Mr. Chair, Director General Tang, Excellences, Distinguished delegates,

Republic of Moldova fully subscribes to the statement delivered by Georgia on behalf of the CEBS Group and appreciates the efforts made by WIPO secretariat and The Director general Tang for the organization of the Assemblies during these challenging pandemic times. Our appreciation also goes to honorable Chair Ambassador Zniber and his Vice-chairs.

Considering it is for the first time the Republic of Moldova is taking the floor, let me at the outset express our high appreciation to the all member states for the support granted to our candidate, her Excellency Ambassador Molcean, for the Chair of the General Assemblies. It is a signal of recognition and confidence for both our candidate and the Republic of Moldova, which this year celebrates 30 years of independence and 30 years of WIPO membership.

Efficient pandemic management and increasing population welfare are among the main priorities assumed by the new Government of the Republic of Moldova vested in August this year. Today, it makes hard efforts to prevent COVID19 spreading, ensure public access to healthcare and provide a secure social environment, while maintaining a robust economic climate.

We are confident that IP could and should support companies and individuals to grow their revenues and we welcome the commitment of WIPO to concentrate its efforts in the coming biennium on expanding the use of IP as a tool for job creation, investment, enterprise growth, economic development and social vibrancy.

In 30 years, Moldova made many efforts to build up a modern IP system but there is still a lot to do for making IP a part of our culture and daily life. Improving access to knowledge and education through digitalization and artificial intelligence is an important objective of the Government that is reflected in our IP office Strategic Development Plan.

On the other hand, we are keen to preserve the cultural heritage and traditional knowledge. We support the regional development by promoting traditional products and we appreciate WIPO assistance in consolidating our national GI system.

Implementation in Moldova of an efficient compulsory licensing regime are among other short term priorities and we welcome WIPO and other organizations' efforts in finding best solutions for ensuring inclusive access to medicines and healthcare.

Mr. Chair, in conclusion, this delegation would like to reiterate its appreciation for the way the Director General Tang led the organization during the pandemic and to hope that WIPO will continue to support its member states in dealing with current and future emergencies.

Thank you for your attention.