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THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)
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General Statement by Ghana

Your Excellency Madam Chair,

The delegation of Ghana would like to commend you and the vice chairs for your excellent work in conducting the General Assembly. The delegation is confident that you will steer the affairs of the meeting to a successful end.

Ghana aligns itself with the statements made by the Delegation of Algeria, on behalf of the African Group. The delegation appreciates WIPO's ongoing efforts in creating the necessary awareness of the importance of IP in the promotion and protection of innovation and creativity and the use of intellectual property systems globally as a tool for development and wealth creation. Ghana recognizes that Intellectual Property should indeed promote innovation and creativity everywhere for the good of everyone, as aptly reflected in the MTSP 2022-2026. This has influenced the importance attached to the IP regimes at the national level and the modernization activities and initiatives being implemented at the Industrial Property Office of Ghana in recent times. This includes amendments of IP laws and enactment of implementing regulations to simplify IP procedures and processes at the national level, as well as accession to IP treaties of key interest to Ghana, such as the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement among many others.

The delegation further wishes to congratulate the Director General, Mr Daren Tang, and the Sector Leads for the progress made in the first year and a half. My delegation is very pleased with the improved financial situation of the organization and congratulates WIPO for continuing its fiscal prudence even in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The delegation looks forward to progress on IGC, DLT and Broadcasting issues in the course of the year, and hopes that the future work of the IGC in particular will focus on, and accelerate the development of an international legally binding instrument.

The delegation wishes to thank WIPO for the many activities undertaken with Ghana designed to strengthen the I.P. system. We look forward to the Technology Innovation Support Center (TISC) Project for research institutions and universities. The delegation also wants to thank the many development partners that continue to provide technical assistance and support in the area of IP.

The delegation of Ghana is encouraged by the impact of WIPO's capacity building activities, and looks forward to further cooperation with the Organization.

We wish to urge all delegations to endeavour to cooperate in a transparent and flexible manner, with a view to attaining consensus on areas that have hitherto been challenging, and to build on work already completed.

Madam Chair, the delegation of Ghana recognizes the significance of decisions to be taken during the Assemblies, and pledges to engage constructively in discussions in order to find solutions that are acceptable to all member states.

I thank you for your attention.