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Written General Statement (Agenda Item 5)

Madam Chair,

Honorable Ministers,

Director General,

Excellencies,

distinguished delegates,

Madam Chair, the delegation of the Republic of Cyprus thanks you for your leadership throughout these challenging times and we have full confidence in your abilities towards a positive outcome during these Assemblies. We also thank the Director General Daren Tang and express our sincere appreciation for his successful leadership during the last three years, the outcome of which is the successful implementation of WIPO's vision and strategy. We also thank the WIPO Secretariat for the professionalism and hard work necessary to prepare these Assemblies. Cyprus is very confident that the meetings will be fruitful.

Our delegation aligns with the statement delivered by Switzerland on behalf of Group B and with the statement delivered by Spain on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and continues to unify its voice in condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

We believe that small and medium enterprises should receive further support in terms of IP Rights that will assist recovering the global economy from the current challenging crises and express our gratitude towards WIPO management for focusing in that matter.

Intellectual Property Rights protection in Cyprus is constantly increasing. The Cyprus Copyright Authority is at the verge of establishment, ensuring supervision on copyright issues. The IP Office is developing a new back and front office system suitable for all modern IP needs. Furthermore, we continue to collaborate with international organizations and our intention is to reinforce these collaborations and seek cooperation with other organizations and National Offices to exchange useful ideas on IP. We support all types of IP Rights innovations and have already invested into blockchain technology for safety and transparency.

We are looking forward to a constructive discussion during these meeting.

Thank you, Madam Chair, for your attention.