

Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

The Turkish delegation would like to begin by wishing the Chair and Vice-Chairs success in guiding our proceedings.

We express our appreciation to the Director General and his team for the excellent preparation of this Assembly.

We are grateful for the tireless efforts to ensure a good global IP governance, by considering and reconciling the divergent interests of all stakeholders.

Sharing common goals and objectives with WIPO and other stakeholders, Türkiye has taken decisive steps to strengthen the national IP system.

While remaining among the most active users of PCT, Madrid and Hague Systems, Türkiye continues to be one of the leading countries in terms of women's participation in IP activities, having the highest proportion of women inventors in PCT applications among the top 20 countries in 2022.

Turkish IP administrations, TÜRKPATENT and DG Copyright have continuously launched new initiatives for different key stakeholders.

We also strive to provide the benefits of digital Technologies and automation to create user-friendly platforms for seamless IP registration and management.

Moreover, we have benefited from extensive expertise of WIPO Academy in successful continuation of the IP masters program and further development of the Turkish IP Academy, with the Training of Trainers and relevant skills-based programs.

Distinguished Delegates,

While aligning ourselves with the statement delivered on behalf of Group B, we emphasize our full support for transparency and inclusiveness on technical and specialized committee works.

Before concluding my statement, I would like to invite all the distinguished delegates to our GI exhibition with the theme “Harvesting Hope: Empowering Earthquake Affected Provinces through Geographical Indications”.

The ceremony will take place on the 10th of July at 6 p.m.

In conclusion, I am confident that this Assembly will be a success in all manners, and in the spirit of partnership, we extend our greetings and best wishes to all. Thank you.