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Mr Chair,

First of all, we would like to congratulate you on your election as acting chair; We also congratulate the new acting vice-chair. We are looking forward to a productive meeting under the able guidance of you and the vice chairs..

We would also like to thank Ambassador Gabriel Duque for his great service as a chair of the General Assemblies and wish him well in his future endeavours.

This delegation fully supports the statements made by Greece on behalf of Group B and by Slovakia, on behalf of EU and its member states.

Sweden would like to emphasize its support for WIPO in its mission for the promotion of innovation and creativity for the economic, social and cultural development of all countries through balanced and effective international IP systems.

Therefore, Sweden would like to express our thanks to the Director General and Deputy Director Generals and Assistant Director Generals. We appreciate the work done and the contributions made to further the work of WIPO.

In particular, this Delegation would like to take this opportunity to express our great appreciation for the excellent cooperation between the secretariat

and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office in relation to advanced training programmes for Least developed countries financed by the Swedish international development cooperation agency.

Sweden attaches great importance to good governance. Therefore, this delegation continues to welcome and support measures leading to mechanisms that are responsive, transparent and robust over-. The organization has made great improvements under the Director General and his team, and we are looking forward to further enhancements in this respect.

It is also of great importance to this delegation that services of WIPO improve their efficiency as well as meeting its customers' needs for international protection of their intellectual property. In line with this, WIPO should provide and develop the international legal intellectual property framework and the infrastructure, to make best use of IP as a driving force for economic development, creativity and innovation.

The work of the committees of WIPO is important. We would like to reaffirm our strong commitment to the important work done by the SCT, especially the immense work over the last years with the Design Law Formalities Treaty. We recognize the great importance and added value of harmonizing and simplifying design registration formalities and procedures.

With regard to the SCCR, we would like to extend our gratitude to the WIPO secretariat for its continuous efforts to move the issues on the agenda forward and we would like to reiterate our commitment to constructively participate in the future deliberations of the Committee.

With regard to CWS we are happy to note the solution-oriented work at the resumed 4th meeting of CWS. The WIPO standards agreed at that meeting and the on-going work on new standards is important to improve the world wide IP infrastructure.

Furthermore, we would like to emphasize the great importance of WIPO:s Global Intellectual Property Services, and we stand ready to contribute to the valuable work within the PCT and the Madrid systems.

Finally, Sweden look forward to continue its successful cooperation with WIPO on the development of the international intellectual property system to the benefit of economic, social and cultural development of all.

Thank you Chair