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Madame President,
Director General of WIPO,
Distinguished Delegates,

May I also extend my congratulations to you, Ambassador Päivi Kairamo of Finland on your appointment as the President of this Fifty First Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of Member States of WIPO. Please rest assured of Indonesia’s full support and cooperation in making the deliberation of this Assembly a success.

My delegation would like to associate itself with the statements made by ASEAN, Asian Group and Development Agenda Group.

This year WIPO has made significant achievement by concluding Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled. We are encouraged to learn that WIPO member states have already signed the Treaty. During this WIPO Assemblies, Indonesia will join others in signing the Marrakesh Treaty.

Madame President,

I would also thank WIPO for various technical assistances extended to Indonesia in the frame of bilateral cooperation and regional cooperation with other ASEAN Member States.

On 28 October 2013, Indonesia will launch the IPAS for Trademark, Industrial Design and Patent. We hope, IPAS will not be limited to Industrial Property, but also to Copyrights. We appreciate WIPO for giving an opportunity to Indonesia as the pilot office of IPAS.
To promote public awareness of intellectual property, we will commemorate the first National IP Day on 22 November this year.

WIPO can further assist raising public awareness by means of translating Nice Classification and Vienna Classification into Indonesian language and translating implementation and technical instructions for trademark examiners and industrial design examiners into English.

Madame President,

Economic growth can only be achieved if legal development on intellectual property rights is in place. The revision of the Indonesian Copyrights Bill is currently in process. The inclusion of aspects of Beijing Treaty and Marrakesh Treaty is assured in this Copyrights Bill. Furthermore, the Government of Indonesia is preparing for accession to the Madrid Protocol in 2015.

With regard to the Intergovernmental Committee on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC GRTKF), we recall the last session of IGC GRTKF in July 2013 was unable to reach an agreement on the future work of the IGC for renewal of its mandate for the 2014/2015 biennium. In finding middle ground, Indonesia hosted “The Consultative Meeting of Like-Minded Countries and Other Interested Countries on Future Work of WIPO IGC GRTKF” in Bali, on 2 – 4 September 2013.

It is important that this WIPO Assembly could agree on modalities on the renewal of the IGC GRTKF mandate, the number of IGC sessions and reference to Diplomatic Conference. The Bali Consultative Meeting also sees the merit of having a high-level meeting at the ambassadorial level to provide policy guidance for IGC to expedite its work.

Indonesia welcomes the continued efforts at WIPO to mainstream the Development Agenda in its work. We also see the need to have a permanent agenda item on "IP and Development" in the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property Rights (CDIP).

On the issue of Design Law Treaty, Indonesia would like to reiterate that different levels of development of member states should be reflected in the draft text before deciding a, Diplomatic Conference.

I thank you.