

— Statement of DPRK delegation —

Madame President,

On behalf of the Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), I take this opportunity to express our expectation that the current series of meetings would bear due fruits under your proficient leadership.

At the same time, I wish to express our gratitude to Mr. Francis Gurry, the Director-General and his team for their sincere efforts to meticulously organize the assemblies.

Madame President,

Although more a decade has passed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the climate change stands as a big challenge to the world, main cause of the natural disasters, diseases, while the world financial crisis still persists.

In targeting those challenges, the DPRK considers it is essential that the activities of WIPO focuses not only to the provision of the legal and institutional mechanism to protect IP but to the effective use of existing and achieved scientific and technology progresses in resolving global issues and socio-economic development and livelihood of people.

In this regard, the delegation of the DPRK appreciates the efforts made by the WIPO in recent years to strengthen global framework for the protection of IP, consistent to the requirement of knowledge-economy era.

"The Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances" was adopted in 2011, followed by "Marrakesh VIP Treaty" in 2013 and discussions are underway to adopt "Design Law Treaty", as well as the treaties on Genetic resources, traditional knowledge and Folklore.

Madame President,

Valuing the WIPO's achievement in recent years, the delegation of the DPRK would like to make a few observations.

First of all, the DPRK considers that the activities of WIPO should further be directed to resolving global challenges. As the post

2015 UN sustainable development goals are being drafted, it is important the WIPO further focuses that the IP protection system addresses global issues in the areas of environment, energy, food security and healthcare, by the means of science and technology development

What is important here is to establish a well balanced mechanism for the IP to let scientific and technical successes contribute to the welfare of humankind with moral obligation, while protecting the rights of scientists and researchers.

Secondly, it is necessary to extend supports the developing countries to strengthen their abilities in setting up their IP Protection as benefit to their own situation.

It is essential to give considerable attentions to the developing countries in drawing up their own national IP strategy and developing their infrastructure.

In this regard, developed countries should fulfill their commitment of financial support and fully support the technical assistance of WIPO, allow technology transfer to developing countries without any preconditions.

At the same time, successful implementation of development agenda and cooperation South-South should be enhanced to narrow the gap between the north and south and deter any social problems such as brain drain.

Regarding to the "Design Law Treaty" under discussion, the delegation of the DPRK fully supports the request made by several countries to state the technical assistance for developing countries.

Finally, the DPRK takes this opportunity to express expectation that the WIPO will strengthen the cooperation with international organizations including UNESCO, UNEP and WHO and continues to pay attention to the tendency of politicization of projects and activities.

Madame President,

The dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un**, the supreme leader of our people, pays deep attention to the development of science and technology and the protection of intellectual properties rights, urging that science and technology are the powerful means of speeding up the building of a thriving nation.

Amid the grand march of building a thriving nation today, activities to boost the science and technology are conducted at grand scale to meet the demand of the knowledge-economy era.

Many exhibitions, namely National Scientific and Technical Exhibition, National Machine Design Festival, National Industrial Art Design Exhibition, National Invention and New Technology Exhibition and National Youth Science and Technological Successes Exhibition, are held annually to increase the social awareness on the need of technology development as well as the protection of intellectual properties.

Thanks to the assistance by WIPO in recent days, the Government of the DPRK is framing up a national strategy with far-perspective to develop a mechanism for the protection of IP rights and produce more creative and cultural works that reflect the high ideals and civilized lives of our people.

As a member of the Organization, the Government of the DPRK will further develop the protection of IP rights and fulfill its obligations and enhance the international cooperation in this field.

Thank you.