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General Statement by

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Your Excellency, distinguished Madam Chair,
Honorable Ministers, Your Excellencies,
Permanent Representatives, Distinguished Delegates,

In the name of Georgian delegation I would like to express gratitude towards WIPO for its efforts in the further strengthening of the IPR protection system.

Allow me also to thank Director General Francis Gurry for his dedication and guidance over the past years. I am deeply convinced that the second term of his service will be even more efficient and fruitful, therefore I would like to wish success in his future activities.

Georgian Delegation acknowledges that WIPO's work strengthened the capabilities of national patent offices and Georgian delegation would like to encourage the WIPO Secretariat to continue implementing the development related programs. Namely, we would like to ask WIPO for its guidance to implement long-term national IP strategy, develop innovation policy as well as strengthen educational institutions in order to raise public awareness and build capacity in the field of intellectual property.

We would like to refer to the successfully brokered agreement on a package of decisions on the work program of the WIPO Standards (CWS), Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT), Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) and welcome the results for the substantial work that committees have carried out.

This delegation would like to support the efforts of the Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System, which made a significant progress on the Draft Revised Lisbon Agreement and the corresponding Rules in the Draft Regulations. We strongly support to convene a diplomatic conference in 2015 to adopt a single instrument covering both appellations of origin and geographical indications making it more attractive for users and prospective new member states.

We acknowledges that the demand for external offices (EO) is very high. We would like to extend our thanks for defining "Draft Guiding Principles Regarding WIPO External Offices"

and continue work to give more clarity on the role, mandate and functions of external offices.

Let me conclude by extending our gratitude to all delegations represented here for the very intensive engagement and the extraordinary commitment to finding solutions to the outstanding items.

Georgian delegation would like to thank you all for your attention and look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Thank you Chair.