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*In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful*

**Mr. President**

At the outset, we are pleased to see you again as the President of WIPO General Assembly. My delegation expresses its gratitude to Mr. Gurry, Director General of WIPO and the staff of Secretariat, for their endless efforts to promote the intellectual property rights by adopting development oriented programs in line with the goals of the Organization.

**Mr. President**

With regard to the WIPO new external offices, my delegation believes that decision for the selection of the host countries must be taken on the basis of equitable and geographical distribution of such offices, in a transparent manner and in full conformity with the Guiding Principles. Any decision in this concern shall be made by consensus without creating hierarchy among applicant

countries or respective regions. While highlighting the appropriate capacities in the field of intellectual property, we would like to recall that Islamic Republic of Iran has proposed a WIPO external office be established in Tehran. We invite all Member States to give due consideration to this proposal.

**Mr. President**

Concerning IGC, my delegation commends constructive approach has been shown in the sessions of the Committee in the past 2 years which led to the consensual decision on the necessity to continue the work of the Committee for the next biennium. This significant development indicates this fact that there is a common understanding among Member States on importance of the establishing a legal basis to protect GRs, TK and TCEs internationally. Based on the progress made, we are of the view that the draft documents are currently on adequate maturity to convert to a legally binding instrument. Therefore, we support the future work program for the Committee which crystalize these undeniable facts.

**MR. President**

With regard to DLT, we recognize all endeavors made by Member States in past years to develop draft articles in order to submit to diplomatic

conference. In this context, we would like to reiterate our principal position concerning the necessity to include the technical assistance and mandatory disclosure requirements in the Treaty as legally binding provisions. Bear in mind the decision of the 2016 General Assembly; we express our readiness to engage in a constructive discussion in order to overcome all remaining differences among WIPO Member States. We hope to see a decision on this matter through consensus and to the satisfaction of all Member States.

**Mr. President**

The Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran attaches great importance to the work of the CDIP as it plays an important role in achieving the developmental objectives of WIPO. We commend CDIP for its contribution to the implementation of the WIPO Development Recommendations and other projects on the Development Agenda. We hope that the Committee, taking advantage of the views and experiences of Member States and defining projects on IP, will take the essential steps towards the creating a balance between the rights and obligations and the economic and social well-being of the Member States, especially the developing countries.

**Mr. President**

On the issue of financial sustainability of the Lisbon Union, my delegation recognizes the political determination and willingness of the members of the Lisbon Unions to find a long standing financial solution for this problem. while declaring its readiness to provide voluntary subvention to compensate for the 2017-2016 budget deficit, my delegation extends its appreciation to the member states of the Lisbon Union for their endless efforts to undertake and consider all possible options to tackle the short-term deficit and long term financial sustainability of the System.

In this regard, we would like to underline the importance of a robust and focused promotion of the Lisbon system which would highlight the improvement potential of GIs with a view to attracting new Contracting parties.

**Mr. President**

Concerning the agenda items of SCT, my delegation hopes to see progress towards consensus and an acceptable work on the issue of protection of country names. The studies already undertaken by the Secretariat which compiled national laws and practices, clarified the necessity for stronger protection of the

country names against the registration or use as trademarks. Therefore, we are of the view that there is a need for international action to prevent the undue registration or use of country names as trademarks and the Committee should accelerate its work in this regard. With regard to the INNs for Pharmaceutical Substances, we would like to highlight the importance of having Access to the list of the recommended INNs by trademark offices and trademark examiners.

### **Mr. President**

Islamic Republic of Iran has taken a number of steps over the last year for the promotion and protection of intellectual property rights in the country of which the most important are as follows:

- Revision of the laws and regulations related to intellectual property rights;
- Commemoration of IP Day and holding workshop on the Utilization of External Examination Work Products in the PCT national phase
- Holding training workshops in line with the implementation of the biennium project for the establishment of Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC)

- Organizing several national training workshops and seminars in the various fields of IP rights in cooperation with the related national entities including the first training workshop for ECO Member States
- Signing Memorandum of Understanding on intellectual property with many of the WIPO Member States

**Mr. President**

In conclusion, we would like to highlight the importance of accelerating the norm setting activities within framework of the respective WIPO committees while, considering the interests of all Member States.

We wish the success and achievement of fruitful results for current Meeting and assure you that my delegation will engage actively and constructively in the deliberations under each agenda item.

**I thank you very much**