

**59 SERIES OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF
WIPO
GENERAL STATEMENT
OF
THE PATENT OFFICE OF REPUBLIC OF POLAND
AGENDA ITEM 5**

Chairman,

The Delegation of Poland fully associates itself with the statements made by Finland on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and Croatia on behalf of the Central Europe and Baltic States.

We congratulate the Director General and WIPO staff for the presented reports which reflect the progress made and the results achieved by the Organization in 2018.

We note with satisfaction the numerous achievements outlined in the Program Performance Report which prove WIPO's delivering on its program objectives and its robust financial health. We support the draft Program and Budget for the 2020/21 biennium and urge delegations to reach a consensus on outstanding issues so that the proposed budget could be adopted.

Poland acknowledges WIPO's continuing efforts to improve the global IP systems (PCT, Madrid and the Hague), provide new IT services to users, institute user-friendly amendments and increase efficiency. We appreciate the progress made and the positive developments with regard to their effective functioning.

We remain committed to the adoption of the DLT which would greatly benefit designers in developed and developing countries by simplifying and harmonizing design registration formalities.

Poland welcomes the agreement reached during the 30th session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents to continue discussions on the five balanced topics. We are satisfied with the SCP's ongoing work on important issues, particularly on patent quality, including opposition systems and the

confidentiality of communications between client and patent attorney. Further work in this area is beneficial for all countries, irrespective of their level of development, since it would enhance the credibility, reliability and stability of the international IP system.

Poland is satisfied with the progress in the negotiations in the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) on the Treaty for the Protection of Broadcasting Organizations. For many years there has been an almost hopeless stalemate in this respect. We believe that agreement is at hand and the needs of broadcasting organizations will finally be addressed with a modern instrument, the one that would take into account all various ways in which TV content is being widespread in today's technological realities.

Poland continues to attach great importance to IP teaching and to raising awareness of IPRs protection and subsequent commercialization. In March 2018 the Memorandum of Understanding was signed among World Intellectual Property Organization, the Jagiellonian University in Krakow and the Polish Patent Office, under which a new Joint Master's Degree Program in Intellectual Property and New Technologies was launched in the academic year 2018/2019. 21 students from ten countries (Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Poland, Ukraine and USA) enrolled and have participated in this Program. Recruitment for the academic year 2019/2020 has begun and for the time being candidates from all over the world (China, Georgia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Poland, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam) have enrolled.

Poland continues to support WIPO in its efforts to promote a sustainable and effective international IP system and in its normative work. During the previous year the Patent Office has continued to focus on promoting industrial property by organizing a wide range of conferences, seminars, workshops and trainings addressed to various institutions and professions, including in cooperation with WIPO, including.

We are satisfied with the cooperation between our patent office and WIPO, exemplified by numerous activities implemented in 2018 and we will keep supporting WIPO as it addresses new challenges in the process of developing and sustaining a balanced global IP protection system.