The Chair of the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents his compliments and has the honor to refer to the Sixtieth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (WIPO Assemblies) on May 7 and 8, 2020, namely, the three Assemblies of WIPO and of the Unions administered by WIPO that will meet in extraordinary sessions on May 7 and 8, 2020: (1) WIPO General Assembly, fifty-second (28th extraordinary) session; (2) Paris Union Assembly, fifty-fifth (31st extraordinary) session; and (3) Berne Union Assembly, forty-ninth (25th extraordinary) session.

Further to the agreement of WIPO Member States to conduct the WIPO Assemblies, exceptionally, in the form of a written procedure, as set forth in document A/60/C. N 3989, and as confirmed in document A/60/C. N 3990, the Chair wishes at this time to invite Member States, as well as Intergovernmental and Non-Governmental Organizations and other entities admitted as observers at WIPO, to provide written statements that they wish to be reflected in the official report of the said WIPO Assemblies. WIPO Member States and observers are requested to provide any such statements to be included in the report of the meeting to the International Bureau, in the form of an electronic document, at LegalCounsel@wipo.int no later than 5 p.m. May 7, 2020.

The Chair of the WIPO General Assembly wishes also to note that the usual limitations on the length of statements that would typically apply in an in-person meeting will similarly apply in this context, to ensure a consolidated report that reflects the statements provided, but remains conducive to efficient translation and dissemination. To this end, statements should not exceed the limit of 1000 words for statements made on behalf of WIPO Groups, 750 words for statements made by WIPO Member States, and 500 words for statements made by observers. Any statements exceeding these lengths will be edited by the International Bureau for brevity in the report of the meeting.

April 29, 2020