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## **OPENING OF THE SESSIONS**

### **Agenda item 5. General Statements**

I am speaking on behalf of EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries) that works with libraries in developing and transition economy countries to enable access to knowledge.

We would like to acknowledge Mr. Francis Gurry, the outgoing Director-General, in particular for his role in adoption of the Marrakesh Treaty that now covers almost 100 countries, benefiting millions of people.

We would like to welcome Mr. Daren Tang, who is arriving at a time of unprecedented global change. We are confident that under your leadership, WIPO will be able to respond positively to global challenges, such as climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic.

For libraries, COVID has highlighted the critical need for modern copyright laws that fully support the shift to online education and critical research .

We look forward to working with the Secretariat to make progress on these and other important issues.

We will make further inventions under agenda items 11 and 23.