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General Statement for the Sixty-First Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO

I am Yuji Toda, the President of the Japan Intellectual Property Associations.

I should like to express our deepest appreciation for outgoing director general Francis Gurry and warmly congratulate Mr. Daren Tang, director general of WIPO. We look forward to working on his initiatives over the coming mandate of WIPO.

JIPA is a non-profit organization and includes over 1300 companies and organizations. JIPA has collaborated with WIPO in various activities, including WIPO GREEN based on JIPA's proposal. We reaffirm our commitment to cooperate on challenging fields such as Data, Artificial intelligence (AI) and Digital Transformation (DX).

JIPA encourages the new director general to provide strong leadership and to find the right balance in relation to all the interests that surround innovation in our society.

Yours faithfully,

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