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OIC Statement

Mr. Chairman,
Mr. Director General,
Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, the OIC delegation thanks the Director General for his comprehensive report and the Secretariat for the excellent preparations for the meeting.

The OIC delegation commends WIPO's pivotal role in advancing an inclusive international IP system and recognizes the Organization's leadership in providing capacity building and technical assistance to its Member States, so that they can strengthen their innovation capacities, meet development objectives and achieve the SDGs.

We congratulate WIPO on the successful launch of the Global Innovation Index 2021 and note with appreciation that some OIC Member States have made significant progress in their innovation ranking.

The OIC delegation hails the recently updated Memorandum of Understanding between WIPO and Islamic Development Bank, an OIC specialized institution, which greatly supports the advancement of science, technology and innovation across its 57 member countries.

For its part, the OIC remains focused on implementing the OIC-2025 Program of Action recognizing that intellectual property rights, especially patents, are the key factors which contribute to the advances in innovation and scientific development.

The OIC STI Agenda 2026 was adopted at the first OIC Science and Technology Summit held in 2017 in the capital city of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The meeting acknowledged the need to increase the investment in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) and emphasized that the transfer of science and technology is one of the principal ways of accelerating the economic development of developing countries.

The second such Summit was organized in Abu Dhabi in June 2021 where a declaration was adopted, which, in the context of the ongoing pandemic, highlights the importance for Member States to work together to reduce intellectual property related barriers to timely access affordable medical products including vaccines and medicines.

I thank you.