

WO/GA/54/11 Statement from the Republic of Korea

Thank you Mr. Chair.

The Republic of Korea expresses its appreciation to the WIPO Secretariat for their hard work on preparing these reports (WO/GA/54/11).

New emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence and blockchain have been impacting IP administration and Policy. The transformation to digital tools, data, and processes has been actively underway in the COVID-19 situation.

It is possible that the development of new technologies would widen the intellectual property gap between developed countries and developing countries, and therefore the Republic of Korea attaches importance to the provision of technical advice and assistance for capacity building to IP Offices.

In this regard, it is opportune that the Webinar on WIPO Blockchain Whitepaper for IP Ecosystems was held on September 28th 2021. We would like to take opportunity to appreciate all of the WIPO Blockchain Whitepaper Team for their hard work of preparing this important and meaningful Webinar.

The Republic of Korea hopes that WIPO Blockchain Whitepaper, which will be published with the help of Korea Funds-In-Trust, would shed the lights on the utilization of blockchain for the IP ecosystem and be widely used as reference materials by policy makers.

Further, we also hope that this Whitepaper will help developing countries to better understand frontier technologies. We will contribute to bridging the IP knowledge gap between developed and developing countries.

Thank you

WO/GA/54/14 Statement from the Republic of Korea

Thank you Mr. Chair,

The Republic of Korea expresses its appreciation to the WIPO Secretariat for preparing these reports (WO/GA/54/14).

The Republic of Korea also would like to congratulate the Committee on the WIPO Standards for the significant work it has achieved over the past years and in particular, the revisions to WIPO Standard ST.26, which will impact filings in the PCT System and elsewhere.

The Republic of Korea believes that the prompt implementation of ST.26 would be necessary considering that it will improve the convenience of users and facilitate the sharing of data among IP offices. However, we also fully understand the various circumstances that inevitably delay the implementation.

Accordingly, the Republic of Korea is in a position to support six-month suspensions of the implementation of ST.26. Further, we ask for member states' close cooperation and strong interest in the implementation of ST. 26 for smooth proceeding.

Thank you,