

9(iv) Matters Concerning the Convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Design Law Treaty (DLT) ([WO/GA/55/4](#)) ([WO/GA/55/11](#))

Thank you, Madam President,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished delegation of Algeria on behalf of the Africa Group.

My delegation thanks the Secretariat for the preparation and presentation of the report.

Madam President, my delegation supports the convening a diplomatic conference to adopt the Design Law Treaty. The issue of technical assistance, and the disclosure of traditional knowledge practices and traditional cultural expressions remain important to Botswana like other developing countries. Therefore, Botswana supports that negotiations to address these outstanding issues remain within the General Assembly instead of being reverted to the SCT.

Madam President, my delegation remains committed to working with other member states to progress finalisation of the DLT.

Thank you Madam President.