Madam Chair,

Albania join itself with the joint statement delivered by the UK ambassador on behalf of 43 states requesting the inclusion of the agenda item on the assistance and support for Ukraine’s Innovation and Creativity Sector and IP system.

This text was circulated by the Director General fully in accordance with WIPO Rules of Procedure.

This is of utmost importance and has to be part of the Assemblies’ working as we all are witnessing the gravity of overall situation and damage caused to Ukrainian innovation and creativity sector and its IP system.

Obviously, this technical matter needs to considered by this session of Assemblies as the governing body of WIPO in order for Assemblies to carry out their work as planned. By doing so we will assert also the relevance of WIPO as a technical multilateral organisation.

Concluding, Albania calls on the adoption of the proposed consolidated agenda.

Thank you.