

**Sixty-Third Series of Meetings of WIPO Assemblies
General Statement, delivered by Mr. Arūnas JIEVALTAS, Minister
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of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations Office and other
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Madam Chair,
Director General,
Excellences,
Distinguished delegates,

Lithuania fully aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the European Union and its Member States and the Group of Central European and Baltic States.

On behalf of the Lithuanian delegation, allow me to express full solidarity with Ukraine and Ukrainian people.

Lithuania condemns in the strongest possible terms Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine, which grossly violates international law and has detrimental effect on the intellectual property landscape. Having said that, we are convinced that cooperation and solidarity of Member States are of key importance in mitigating the harmful effect of Russia's military aggression on Ukraine's innovation and creativity sector and IP system.

Lithuanian delegation commends WIPO's endeavours to work closely with Member States in achieving tangible results in use of IP. In this regard, we highlight Lithuania's engagement in WIPO's projects: WIPO Lex-Judgments and WIPO Alert. We also note with satisfaction that WIPO's long-term technology transfer project in the Baltic States resulted in signing of the Baltic TTO Network Cooperation Agreement on March 25, this year, paving the way for future cooperation.

In terms of progress and prosperity, country's indispensable asset is its human potential. Lithuania leads in Europe by share of female scientists, with more than half of the country's scientists and engineers being women. However, closing the gender gap is still one of the most pressing issues globally. We commend WIPO's efforts in this respect.

I would like to conclude by thanking the leadership of the Organization and the Transition and Developed Countries Division Team for their open and collaborative approach. Lithuania restates its commitment to continuing successful cooperation and dialogue with WIPO and we look forward to a productive session of the General Assembly.

I thank you, Madam Chair.