

**Sixty-Third Series of Meetings of WIPO Assemblies
Statement by Lithuanian delegation on adoption of Agenda Item 19,
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Madam Chair,

Lithuania appreciates the support expressed to the decision of the General Assembly on technical and capacity building assistance for Ukraine aimed to rebuild its innovation and creativity sector, and intellectual property system severely damaged and destroyed by Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war.

We look forward to the implementation of this decision and respective report of the International Bureau to be presented during the next General Assembly.

At that time, as the aggression continues, further steps should be taken to address the detrimental effect of unilateral actions taken by Russia, which undermine the rule of law by consciously challenging core principles of protection of intellectual property rights enshrined in the international agreements.

The well-known basic rule states that «no one can benefit from its wrongdoing». Following it and taking into account the extraordinary circumstances, we are of the view that decisive decisions should be taken on further operation of WIPO's external office in Moscow.

Finally, we call WIPO to consistently adhere the UN General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 2014 on the territorial integrity of Ukraine and follow the policy of non-recognition of the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol. All data regarding parties' addresses in the WIPO registries, notably in the Madrid registry should reflect Ukraine's internationally recognised borders.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

