

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM GENERAL STATEMENT
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Madam Chair,
Your Excellencies, Honorable Ministers, and distinguished Representatives,
Mr. Daren Tang, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO),
Esteemed Heads of Delegations,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great honor for the Brunei Darussalam delegation to participate in this 64th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. Allow us to express our sincere appreciation to WIPO, Mdm Chair, the Vice Chairs, and Mr. Daren Tang for their unwavering dedication, tireless efforts, and invaluable support in advancing the field of Intellectual Property Rights.

We would like to extend our gratitude to WIPO for their close collaboration with Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BrUIPO) in supporting innovation. We are particularly grateful for the visit by WIPO officials to Brunei Darussalam on 18 – 20 May 2023, during which fruitful discussions were held with our agencies and stakeholders. These discussions have been instrumental in identifying areas where Brunei Darussalam can further stimulate innovation and improve its intellectual property ecosystem.

Furthermore, we are pleased to share that Brunei Darussalam is currently preparing for our accession to the Marrakesh Treaty. Through this accession, we aim to further reinforce our dedication to enhancing the intellectual property landscape in Brunei Darussalam by ensuring equal access to published works for individuals with visual impairments and print disabilities.

Moreover, as part of our commitment to fostering innovation, Brunei Darussalam has plans to strengthen collaboration with more local universities in establishing Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) institutions. This strategic endeavor signifies our unwavering commitment to nurturing a culture of innovation and providing comprehensive support and resources to our academic institutions and researchers.

Additionally, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the invaluable capacity-building support extended by WIPO. We eagerly anticipate further engagement with WIPO to enhance Brunei Darussalam's trademark examination capabilities. These capacity-building efforts have significantly augmented our proficiency in conducting efficient and robust trademark examinations, thereby fortifying our intellectual property system.

We recognize the importance of the Global Innovation Index (GII) as a vital tool for assessing and benchmarking innovation performance. In line with this, Brunei

Darussalam will embark to improve its GII ranking through strategic collaborations with relevant stakeholders, including WIPO, and the implementation of supportive policies, we are resolute in our commitment to enriching our innovation ecosystem, fostering research and development, and cultivating an environment conducive to entrepreneurship driven by innovation.

These endeavors reflect our steadfast commitment to continuous improvement and collaboration in advancing intellectual property rights and fostering an environment conducive to innovation and creativity in Brunei Darussalam.

In conclusion, we would like to affirm that Brunei Darussalam remains fully committed to supporting and actively engaging in the commendable efforts and initiatives undertaken by WIPO to foster growth and development in intellectual property rights, innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship.

Thank you.