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The Norwegian Delegation wishes to express its satisfaction of seeing the Chair on the podium and wishes the best of luck in guiding this Assembly to a successful conclusion. We also welcome and congratulate the Vice-Chairs. We commend the Secretariat and Director General Daren Tang for their excellent preparatory work for these assemblies.

Norway maintains the importance of improving the Member States' ability to monitor the economy and administration of WIPO and welcomes the continued efforts and cooperation to this end.

The Norwegian delegation commends the International Bureau for its continued focus on securing the best available global services under the PCT, Madrid and Hague systems. Smooth systems, ongoing dedication to simplification and cost-savings for the benefit of the users - these are crucial to continued and increased use of these global IP-services. We note with pleasure that the working groups under these systems continue to make progress for improving regulations, guidelines and practices. Norway is committed to the work on global services, in the interest of the existing and future users of the systems.

Norway continues to support the work in the SCCR towards a treaty on the protection of broadcasting organizations. We welcome the successful outcome of the diplomatic conference on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources. We look forward to a similar successful result in Saudi Arabia in November 2024 regarding the Design Law Treaty.

As part of this year's World IP Day, the Norwegian Industrial Property Office chose to host an event on the relevance and role that intellectual property can play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. At the event we highlighted how a responsible IP-strategy can be a key to a sustainable innovation.

By way of conclusion, the Norwegian Delegation underlines its commitment to contribute in a positive and constructive way to the success of these General Assemblies.