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(Check Against Delivery)

On behalf of Cape Verde, I greet the President of the General Assembly, and likewise congratulate the Director General, Daren Tang, and his team, for the remarkable work they have been delivering in favour of enhancing Intellectual Property as a driver of sustainable development, with special relevance for developing countries.

Cape Verde, as a Small Island Developing State (SIDS), has been taking consistent steps to strengthen its Intellectual Property ecosystem. These efforts aim not only to strengthen the competitiveness of national companies and consolidate the institutional capacities of the organisations responsible for administering IP, but also to promote its strategic use as a tool to foster innovation, stimulate creativity and boost the country's economic growth and sustainable development.

In this context, Cape Verde has progressively integrated itself into the international intellectual property system by joining various international and regional treaties, conventions, agreements and protocols. The country is currently a member of several regional IP communities, such as the African Regional Intellectual Property Organisation (ARIPO), the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise that the internal process for Cape Verde's ratification of the Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances and the Kampala Protocol on the Voluntary Registration of Copyright is underway. The proposal for a new Industrial Property Code, an essential instrument for modernising the national legal framework in this area, is also being approved.

I am also pleased to note the recent inauguration of the Cape Verde Technology Park, an important milestone in the government's strategy to

strengthen the ecosystem of innovation and creativity, and as a support for the development of the digital economy.

Cape Verde shares the interest and alignment with various areas that have been prioritised by WIPO, namely:

- the promotion of knowledge about Intellectual Property;
- the strategic use of IP by micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and young entrepreneurs;
- the promotion of Geographical Indications;
- the protection of copyright in the digital environment;
- the development of creative industries; and
- strengthening the enforcement of IP rights.

WIPO's partnership and technical support have been, and will continue to be, fundamental to consolidating the progress made and ensuring the continued implementation of the National Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy (PENPI).

We also reiterate our firm support for the ongoing efforts by the CPLP countries to recognise Portuguese as one of WIPO's official languages, thus promoting greater inclusion and representation of Portuguese-speaking countries in the global Intellectual Property ecosystem.

Finally, I would like to express our thanks to WIPO, in the person of the Director General, Daren Tang, for the commitment shown to Cape Verde, as well as to his entire team for the continuous technical and institutional support provided to our country.

Thank you very much.