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**Statement by Head of the delegation of the
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
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Mr. President,

On behalf of the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), I would like to congratulate you on your election as the President of the 66th series of the meeting of the Assembly. And I express my expectation that the meeting will come to great fruition under your able stewardship.

I would also like to thank Mr. Daren Tang, Director General of WIPO and the secretariat members for their sincere efforts directed to the successful facilitation of this meeting.

Mr. President,

First of all, I would like to extend my congratulations once again on the successful conclusion of the two international treaties last year, namely the "Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge" and "Design Law Treaty" by consensus of all WIPO member states.

The fact that these treaties were finally adopted after more than 20 years of consultation was proof to the increasing interest in IP protection internationally and was a turning point for developing the IP protection system in conformity with the demands of the era.

The scope of international legal protection of IP has been expanded and the modernization of substructure of international registration system based on AI has been accelerated, which resulted in increase in the number of its users. This as well demonstrates the growing interest in IP globally.

Mr. President,

While the world is facing unprecedented challenges such as climate change, global pandemics, geopolitical conflicts and tariff disputes, IP protection presents itself as an important task for developing the economy and providing people with safe and affluent live.

It is my view that WIPO should pay greater attention to the followings in fully fulfilling its mission of IP protection.

First, close attention should duly be paid to developing sound and ethical IP protection system.

Dramatic growth of global interest in AI technology has resulted competition in its development involving many countries. However, it is of critical importance to ensure that the developement of AI technologies orients to contribution to people's welfare.

Although it is a well-known fact that AI is bringing about innovations and creations which we had never ever expected before, we musn't ignore the potential negative effects on human life.

WIPO, in conformity with its mission, should play a leading role in drawing up the rules and regulations on the development and use of AI technology so as to ensure that the outcome of people's intellectual activity does not infrige upon people's ethical life.

And as the world witnessed during the COVID-19 pandemic period, protection of patents should not hinder the protection of lives of human beings..

Second, WIPO should pay attention to closing the gap in IP protection between countries and building capacity of the developing countries.

There remains a big gap between north and south in IP protection, and the developing countries often fail to enjoy due protection for their valuable intellectual assets.

To eradicate such negative pratices, it is essential to establish a fair IP protection system. And greater attention should be paid to the transfer of techonology and capacity building to perfect IP protection systems of the developing countries.

Mr. President,

Under the wise leadership of Comrade **KIM JONG UN**, President of State Affairs of the DPRK, the government is paying great attention to the protection of IPs, holding high science and technology as the key strategy to open up with firm conviction the way forward to national prosperity by dint of self-reliance and self-development.

The completion of the first step task of “National IP Development Strategic Plan (2023-2030)” has established the national IP administration mechanism in a systematic way, organic relationship between sectors concerned has been built. These further enhanced the whole IP work in the country.

During the second step encompassing 2026 to 2030, promotion of creativity, protection, circulation and use of intellectual assets in the sectors of economy, science, technology and culture will be intensified on a full scale so as to make sure that the IP activities substantially contribute to the national development.

The DPRK has organically combined the development of science and technology with production, and established the social atmosphere of valuing and giving preferential treatment to those who contribute to the country with development of new technology. As a result, innovation and creativity has become a part of daily life of the working people.

Besides, activities to raise social awareness on IP, various exhibitions and expositions are regularly organized and IP sector seminars and workshops are also carried out in different ways in our country.

Mr. President,

The DPRK government is committed to actively promote the development of economy, science, technology and culture by further perfecting the national IP protection system and closely cooperate with WIPO and other member states in this endeavor.

Thank you.