



Thank you Chair,

1. On behalf of the German government, we would like to thank you for your excellent facilitation of this Assembly meeting.
2. Germany looks forward to engaging in a constructive and meaningful dialogue throughout this meeting. We fully support the statements made by Group B and the European Union. We would also like to reiterate our full solidarity with the people of Ukraine.
3. IP is a key instrument to address contemporary global challenges. WIPO plays a leading role in assisting innovators worldwide in using IP for sustainable economic and social development. It is our collective responsibility as Member States to ensure that WIPO can continue to deliver on its crucial mandate.
4. Germany is firmly committed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. In this context, we particularly support WIPO Green, WIPO's global platform that facilitates the voluntary transfer of green tech.
5. With the successful conclusion of the Diplomatic Conference on the DLT, WIPO has once again demonstrated its vital relevance as a multilateral forum for international norm-setting in the field of IP. This achievement shows that multilateralism can produce results when all parties work, by consensus, towards a common objective.

6. WIPO is unique in the sense that it provides IP services to innovators worldwide. These services are in high demand; and they are also an important source of WIPO's budget. It is therefore of crucial importance to ensure, through technology (including AI where appropriate) and adequate staffing, that WIPO can continue to provide efficient and high-quality services to the international innovative community.
  
7. In closing, we would like to extend our gratitude to the WIPO Secretariat for the excellent preparation of the Assemblies, and to Director General Daren Tang for his leadership. Let us continue working together towards our shared goal: a positive perception of IP as a driver of societal wellbeing, cultural enrichment and sustainable prosperity.