

## **GREECE**

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#### **General Statement (Agenda item 4)**

Mr. Chair, Honorable Ministers, Director General, Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

Greece aligns with the statements delivered by group B and by the European Union and its member states. We once again condemn the Russian Federation's unjustified and unprovoked war against Ukraine. We remain firmly committed to supporting Ukraine and WIPO's support is important in this regard. We congratulate WIPO for the successful conclusion of two Diplomatic Conferences, that will enable a more transparent and inclusive patent system and simplify the design filing requirements. We particularly thank Director General Tang for his commitment and leadership and the Secretariat for preparing these Assemblies.

We commend WIPO for the positive financial result, mainly attributed to the performance of the PCT and Madrid systems. Ensuring a balanced and sustainable IP ecosystem delivering quality services and facilitating access to innovators and creators should continue to guide WIPO's work.

As regards the national IP system, support to innovation and creativity, continued to guide efforts of IP authorities. The timely and quality delivery of IP services remains a priority for the Hellenic Industrial Property Organisation (OBI). Towards this direction, an AI neural network has been developed internally in order to facilitate the management of patent applications and accelerate the search process.

The quality of services provided to users and the simplification and digitalization of the filing process are a priority. A slight decrease in patent and design filings was experienced, whereas trademark filings increased.

An Innovation Agency was launched to link research with production in order to facilitate investments in innovative businesses and improve Greece's innovation performance. New services are available to the public, such as validation and freedom to operate searches. Numerous activities and educational programs contributed to raising awareness on the importance of IPRs and their enforcement. Finally, legislation was prepared for introducing a national GI system for craft and industrial products to support the attractiveness of local products.

In the field of copyright, the Hellenic Copyright Organization (HCO) implemented numerous initiatives and projects for securing a high level of protection of copyright and related-rights holders. It launched awareness campaigns and expanded educational and training programs with MOUs with universities and collaborations with research and cultural institutions and the National Judiciary School. The international conference marking the HCO's 30th anniversary was a key milestone.

The national administrative Committee for Combatting Online Piracy (EDPPI), supported by HCO, continued addressing online infringements and has issued 370 decisions to block access to multiple IPs and domain names, without receiving complaints.

The HCO is actively involved in the Dedicated Network of Administrative Authorities, established as a follow-up to the European Commission's Recommendation on Combating Online Piracy of Live Events and is a national contributor to WIPO ALERT for discouraging the advertisement of illegal sources.

Lastly, the HCO drafted legislative amendments concerning the simplification of the notification procedure for the lawful operation of CMOs in Greece, as well as the effective tackling of copyright and related – rights infringements.

Our delegation remains committed to contribute constructively to the discussions and to our collective effort to promote IP to the benefit of all.

I thank you.