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General Statement of GRUR – German Association for Intellectual Property Law

GRUR, the German Association for Intellectual Property Law is a strictly non-political, non-profit association with an academic focus. Its statutory purpose is the academic advancement and development of intellectual property at the German, European and – in this context notably -, at the international level.

In furtherance of these tasks, GRUR

- *provides assistance to legislative bodies and to authorities competent for issues of intellectual property law,*
- *submits contributions to WIPO on IP-related questions upon invitation by WIPO or in the context of discussions within the various committees of WIPO,*
- *participates in the different bodies of WIPO as well as the Diplomatic Conferences organized by WIPO*
- *publishes four leading German IP law journals, one of which is exclusively dedicated to questions of international and transnational IP law.*

With approx. 5,000 members from 60 countries, GRUR is far more than a “German” think tank - it offers an umbrella for a wide range of IP professionals from countries from all over the world: lawyers, patent attorneys, judges, academics, representatives of public authorities and international organisations.

GRUR has been an observer of WIPO developments for many decades and it is our honor to continue working with WIPO going forward. GRUR is dedicated to protecting IP on a national, regional and international level and thus strongly supports the efforts of WIPO in harmonizing and furthering IP law.

We are committed to support the ongoing work of WIPO.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.