



PHILIPPINES NATIONAL STATEMENT

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Chair, Director General, Ladies and Gentlemen

The Philippines extends its deep appreciation to Director General Daren Tang, the Secretariat and WIPO staff for the Meeting preparations. We also offer our thanks to Member States for overcoming challenges to be here for open discussions toward shared goals.

Director General, we extend our gratitude for your leadership in the past year. We welcome the conclusion and adoption of Riyadh Design Law Treaty last November, which paves the way for an easier process for MSMEs to protect their designs.

Last December, the ASEAN TISC Network Task Force was established, again paving the way for MSMEs to effectively develop and enhance intellectual property. It is an honor for the Philippines to be Chair of ASEAN TISC Network Task Force. You have our assurance of our wholehearted commitment to contributing to economic growth through the TISC Network.

Chair,

For the WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge, the Philippines reiterates its resolve to complete the accession process and ensure protection against applications which prejudice Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Lastly, the Philippines encourages discussions on the proposed Treaty on the Protection of Broadcasting Organizations for negotiation at a Diplomatic Conference and advancing deliberations in the SCCR. To recall, the preparatory process was initiated in 1997 in Manila through the WIPO Worldwide Symposium on Broadcasters' Rights, before the SCCR was established. Substantial work has been done in the SCCR. Meanwhile, advances in information and communication technologies generate more piracy, illegal signals, and irresponsible use of artificial intelligence. We need to outpace these advances to give responsive and adequate protection. The Philippines strongly supports SCCR in its endeavors to complete a proposal to be presented in a Diplomatic Conference.

Chair,

Please be assured that our delegation remains engaged and will exercise flexibility in the discussions.

Thank you, Chair.