## National Statement of St. Kitts and Nevis 66th General Assemblies of the World Intellectual Property Organisation July 8th to 18th 2025

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Thank you Mr. Chair.

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis records its profound gratitude to WIPO for its unwavering support and invaluable contributions to the creative and innovative landscape of our nation.

We were particularly grateful to join our sister country, Trinidad and Tobago, as WIPO'S first two countries to pilot an IP and Sports Diagnostic Review. This initiative generated immense excitement among our stakeholders, who are eager to transform the findings into tangible results.

Furthermore, we deeply appreciate WIPO's continued support in enhancing the efficiency and accessibility of our IP Office through upgrades to the IPAS system and our ongoing projects in this regard. We were also pleased to host our colleagues from Grenada and Saint Lucia during our IPAS training in October 2024.

We also commend WIPO for its dedication to supporting our youth through initiatives such as the manga art Comic Book Drawing and Storytelling workshops and for practical support to SMEs through the AI and IP Clinic and Mentorship Programme. These programs not only nurture the creative talents of our young people but also instill in them a deep appreciation for IP rights.

We remain grateful for WIPO's technical support which facilitated our accession to the Hague Agreement last year and to have supported the historic passage of WIPO's respective international treaties on genetic resources, traditional knowledge and design law. These milestones are testament to our national commitment to aligning with and strengthening international IP standards.

We continue to commend the stellar coordination and support of the WIPO's Caribbean Division and reiterate St. Kitts and Nevis' steadfast commitment and cooperation to fostering a vibrant IP environment.

Thank you.