

**66th SERIES OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES
OF THE MEMBER STATES OF WIPO**

Opening Statement

Delegation of the Slovak Republic

Honourable Director General,
Your Excellency, Ambassador Suescum,
Distinguished Ministers and delegates,

The delegation of the Slovak Republic aligns itself with the statement delivered by Estonia on behalf of the Group of Central European and Baltic States, as well as with the statement delivered by Denmark on behalf of the European Union.

The Slovak Republic commends the WIPO Secretariat and the Director General for preparing a robust and forward-looking agenda that reflects the Organization's commitment to transparency, institutional development, and the strengthening of the global intellectual property ecosystem.

The Slovak Republic continues to place great importance on improving global IP protection systems - namely the PCT, the Madrid System, the Hague System, and the Lisbon System as well as other services provided to users. We firmly believe that increasing membership and number of registrations in the Lisbon System necessitates sustained and targeted promotional efforts.

We remain committed to international efforts aimed at strengthening the outcomes of the Lisbon Agreement and its Geneva Act, as well as at creating new business opportunities arising from the broader promotion and protection of geographical indications. This matter continues to be of particular interest to our country.

The Slovak Republic expresses its satisfaction with the outcomes of the last IGC session, where we reached the agreement, inter alia, also on the recommendation on a renewed IGC mandate for 2026/2027 biennium.

Concerning the normative agenda of the Organization, we stand ready to progress towards the conclusion of the meaningful Treaty for the Protection of Broadcasting Organisations, which will respond to the current technological realities.

We welcome the progress made in the WIPO Committees and commend the inclusive and constructive dialogue held on complex topics. We strongly appreciate the continuation of the debate on AI from an IP perspective as a development of AI technology has an immense impact on various IP fields, for example copyright. At the same time, we believe that the regular sharing of knowledge and information on the

use of AI in IP examination procedures at national IP offices is highly beneficial for all Member States.

In the field of IP enforcement, we continue to support the work of the Advisory Committee on Enforcement, which serves as a multilateral forum for sharing best practices in IP enforcement. We welcome the growing engagement of Member States from all regions in this Committee.

The Slovak Republic is also encouraged by the Organization's responsiveness to current global challenges, including climate change, technological shifts, and the increasing demand for equitable participation in the knowledge economy. We believe that intellectual property should serve as a bridge between innovation and inclusive development, and we affirm our support for WIPO's ongoing efforts to serve all its Member States effectively.

Last but not least, the Slovak delegation wishes to highlight the assistance and continued support of the WIPO Regional and National Development Sector, as well as the Division for Transition and Developed Countries. We look forward to deepening our collaboration and making our activities, including new ideas and projects, even more dynamic.

In this regard, we wish to highlight the joint initiative "PCT for Visegrad 4" implemented in our region last year. The involvement of universities proved to be both enriching and productive.

In conclusion, the Slovak delegation looks forward to the 66th series of meetings of the Assemblies of the WIPO Member States and to engaging in constructive discussions.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.