



The Kingdom of Eswatini

DELEGATION GENERAL STATEMENT

THE SIXTY-EIGHT SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

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Chair,

The Delegation of the Kingdom of Eswatini aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished delegation of South Africa on behalf of the African Group.

Allow me, on behalf of my delegation, to thank you for your leadership in this forum. We are confident that, under your capable leadership, our deliberations will be productive and successful.

My delegation also extends its appreciation to the Director General, Mr. Daren Tang, and the WIPO Secretariat for the comprehensive preparation of these Assemblies and for their unwavering commitment to supporting Member States in building balanced, inclusive, and effective intellectual property systems.

Mr. Chair,

Eswatini remains steadfast in its commitment to a rules-based multilateral intellectual property system that promotes innovation, creativity, technology transfer, and sustainable economic development. We believe that IP is not merely a legal framework for protecting rights, but a strategic instrument for industrialization, entrepreneurship, cultural development, and the realization of national development aspirations.

In line with this vision, Eswatini continues to strengthen its IP ecosystem through institutional reforms, stakeholder engagement, public awareness initiatives, and the modernization of its legislative and administrative frameworks. Our efforts are aimed at ensuring that the IP system serves creators, innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, businesses, and local communities alike, while fostering an enabling environment for investment and economic growth.

We are particularly grateful for WIPO's continued technical cooperation and capacity-building support, which has significantly contributed to strengthening our national intellectual property infrastructure. We reaffirm our commitment to working closely with WIPO in advancing initiatives that enhance innovation, facilitate commercialization of intellectual assets, promote respect for intellectual property rights, and empower youth, women, small and medium-sized enterprises, and the creative industries.

Mr. Chair,

As digital technologies continue to reshape economies and societies, The Kingdom of Eswatini recognizes the importance of ensuring that the international intellectual property system remains responsive to emerging technologies while maintaining an appropriate balance between the interests of rights holders and the broader public interest. We therefore support constructive dialogue within WIPO on issues relating to digital transformation, artificial intelligence, traditional knowledge, genetic resources, and the evolving global innovation landscape.

Eswatini further welcomes the continued progress made within WIPO's normative agenda and reiterates the importance of inclusive negotiations that take into account the differing levels of development and capacities of Member States.

Mr. Chair,

The Kingdom of Eswatini stands ready to engage constructively throughout these Assemblies and looks forward to productive deliberations that strengthen the global intellectual property system for the benefit of all.

I thank you.