

**Statement by the Lao People's Democratic Republic
WIPO General Assembly 7 July 2026**

Honorable Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Lao PDR, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to address at the 68th General Assembly and extend our sincere congratulations to Director General Daren Tang on your re-appointment for next term.

First of all, Lao PDR aligned itself with the statement made by ASEAN and APG. Lao PDR would like to extend its profound gratitude to the WIPO and Director General Daren Tang for their continued support and close cooperation with Lao PDR. We highly value WIPO's steadfast commitment to strengthening national capacities and supporting the development priorities of LDC including Lao PDR.

Over the years, WIPO's assistance in capacity building, fellowship programmes, legal and institutional development, and human resource enhancement have made a significant contribution to the strengthening of our national IP ecosystem. In particular, we commend the successful launch of the WIPO IP Management Clinics (IPMC) in Vientiane, Lao National IP Strategy, the completion of CMO establishment, Oma collective Mark, Green Jungle Park and LDC Package have provided strategic guidance and practical support to our SMEs, enabling them to better leverage IP for innovation and competitiveness. At the same time the ongoing Digitalization Project, which is helping to modernize our intellectual property infrastructure, improve national e-services, and enhance the efficiency and accessibility of IP administration in Lao PDR.

Honorable Chair, we are also pleased to share a significant milestone in the field of copyright and related rights. The Lao Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers (LASCAP), serving as the CMO Laos, has officially become a member of the CISAC. This achievement represents an important step in strengthening copyright collective management in Lao PDR and enhancing international cooperation in protecting the rights and interests of creators.

Looking ahead, Lao PDR places great importance on further capacity building and technical assistance in the field of industrial designs as we are moving forward with the implementation of the Hague Agreement accession as the number 100th Contracting Party to this important international treaty. We look forward to continuing cooperation with WIPO in ensuring the effective implementation of our commitments under the Agreement.

In conclusion, Lao PDR reaffirms its strong commitment to our partnership with WIPO and looks forward to deepening our cooperation for promoting innovation, fostering creativity, and achieving sustainable and inclusive development with all Member States to strengthen the global IP system and serves as an effective instrument for socio-economic development and the achievement of the SDGs.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.