

Statement by Malaysia
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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Malaysia extends its sincere appreciation to the WIPO Secretariat for the excellent preparations for the Sixty-Eighth Series of Meetings of the WIPO Assemblies. We also congratulate Director General, Mr. Daren Tang, on his reappointment for a second term and thank him for his comprehensive report. Malaysia commends DG Tang's steadfast leadership in steering WIPO towards a more inclusive, responsive and future-oriented global intellectual property ecosystem.

Malaysia also recalls with appreciation the official visit of the Director General to Malaysia in 2025, which marked an important milestone in strengthening WIPO–Malaysia cooperation. The mission was productive and reaffirmed the importance of closer collaboration between WIPO and Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO).

Mr. Chair,

The global innovation landscape is undergoing profound transformation. Rapid technological advancement, digitalisation and the emergence of frontier technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, are redefining the creation, protection, management and commercialisation of intellectual property assets. Against this backdrop, the international IP system must continue to evolve to remain balanced, accessible and fit for purpose, fostering innovation while safeguarding the interests of creators, innovators, businesses and society.

Malaysia believes that intellectual property serves not only as a legal framework for protection but also as a strategic catalyst of economic resilience, technological advancement and sustainable development. A well-functioning IP ecosystem encourages creativity, attracts investment, facilitates technology transfer and empowers enterprises of all sizes to compete in an increasingly knowledge-driven global economy.

In Malaysia, MyIPO continues to strengthen the national IP ecosystem through initiatives that enhance service delivery, promote greater IP awareness and encourage businesses to leverage IP as a strategic asset for growth and competitiveness. As part of these efforts, Malaysia continues to advance digital transformation within its IP administration while actively contributing to discussions on the implications of artificial intelligence for the IP system, with the objective of building an agile, resilient, and innovative-driven IP ecosystem.

Malaysia also recognises that the true value of IP lies not merely in its registration, but in its successful commercialisation and utilisation. We therefore remain committed to strengthening the capacity of SMEs, startups, universities, research institutions and local innovators to transform IP assets into marketable products, services and technologies that generate sustainable economic growth, high-value employment and broader societal benefits.

In this regard, Malaysia welcomes WIPO's continued support through practical capacity-building initiatives, technical assistance and knowledge-sharing programmes that enable Member States to strengthen national innovation ecosystems and maximise the full economic potential of IP.

Malaysia also underscores the importance of ensuring the meaningful participation of developing countries in the global innovation ecosystem, as well as in international intellectual property discussions and norm-setting processes. We look forward to increased cooperation towards a more equitable international intellectual property system.

Malaysia also looks forward to continued constructive discussions on emerging issues, particularly the intersection of artificial intelligence and IP, including copyright, creators' rights, patent administration and data governance. We likewise support sustained progress in the areas of copyright and related rights, traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources, recognising the importance of developing an international IP framework that is balanced, inclusive and responsive to the diverse needs and priorities of Member States.

In closing, Malaysia reaffirms its unwavering commitment to working closely with WIPO and all Member States in advancing an international IP system that promotes innovation, supports sustainable economic development and delivers tangible benefits for businesses, creators and communities alike.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.