

**Statement by H.E. Ambassador Akillino H. Susaia
Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia
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Mr. Chair,

The Federated States of Micronesia congratulates the Director General, Mr. Daren Tang, and the Secretariat for their continued leadership in advancing a balanced, inclusive, and effective global intellectual property system. We align ourselves with the statement delivered on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group and reaffirm our commitment to working constructively with all Member States in strengthening the international intellectual property system.

The Federated States of Micronesia remains committed to harnessing intellectual property as a tool for innovation, sustainable development, and the protection of our traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions, and genetic resources.

Over the past year, Micronesia has made important progress through its close partnership with World Intellectual Property Organization. In December 2025, we were honored to host the Pacific Regional Traditional Health Knowledge Training Workshop in Micronesia. The workshop strengthened regional cooperation and enhanced the capacity of Pacific Island countries to safeguard and promote traditional health knowledge through appropriate intellectual property frameworks.

We are also pleased that WIPO has approved a two-year technical assistance project to support the establishment of the Federated States of Micronesia's National Intellectual Property Office. This landmark initiative will strengthen our institutional capacity, modernize our national intellectual property framework, and create greater opportunities for our innovators, entrepreneurs, artists, and holders of traditional knowledge to benefit from the intellectual property system.

As a Small Island Developing State, Micronesia deeply values WIPO's continued partnership and technical assistance. We look forward to working closely with the Organization and Member States to build an intellectual property ecosystem that promotes innovation, safeguards our cultural heritage, and contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.