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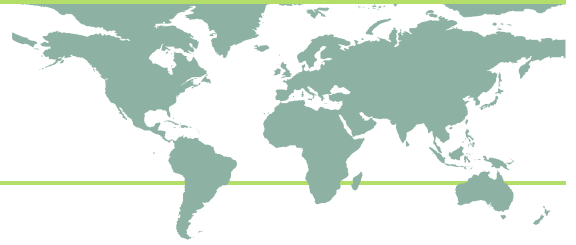
Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO: Sixty-Eighth Series of Meetings**oriGIn General Statement**

On behalf of oriGIn – the global alliance of geographical indications (GIs) – I would like to commend the many Member State statements that highlighted the Lisbon System as a modern and flexible international instrument for the protection of geographical indications and as an important pillar of a diverse and inclusive global intellectual property ecosystem.

In this respect, oriGIn is pleased to note that the Geneva Act continues to expand its membership. This serves as a powerful reminder that, despite an uncertain international environment in which multilateralism is increasingly being questioned, geographical indications remain firmly anchored in the principles of the rule of law, transparency, and international cooperation.

We would like to reiterate oriGIn's commitment to strengthening its collaboration with WIPO and its Member States to further promote the Lisbon System and contribute to its effective implementation. Likewise, we stand ready to support efforts to raise further awareness of the contribution that GIs make to inclusive and sustainable development, as well as the role that the Lisbon System can play in helping developing countries and emerging economies unlock this potential as a catalyst for economic growth, resilient rural communities, and local empowerment.

Finally, with regard to the domain name system, I would like to draw your attention to ICANN's 2026 round for the introduction of new generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs). This expansion is likely to increase the risks of abusive domain name registrations affecting intellectual property rights, including geographical indications.



In this context, oriGIn encourages WIPO and its Member States to closely monitor the developments related to the 2026 gTLD round and to assess whether existing dispute resolution mechanisms remain fit in ensuring the effective protection of intellectual property rights in the domain name environment. In particular, we believe it is essential to recognize geographical indications as legitimate rights under the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP).

Thank you very much for your attention.

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