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The Delegation of Saint Kitts and Nevis extends warm congratulations to the Director General, Mr. Daren Tang, on his well-deserved reappointment. His visionary leadership and steadfast commitment to a balanced, inclusive, and development-oriented intellectual property ecosystem continue to benefit Member States worldwide.

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis records its sincere appreciation to the World Intellectual Property Organization for its unwavering support and partnership in strengthening our national intellectual property framework.

Over the past year, we greatly valued the opportunities afforded to our stakeholders through participation in several impactful initiatives, including the regional programme on protecting Caribbean music, efforts to promote the development of collective management organizations, the training offered through the International Copyright Institute, and the mentorship provided to over twenty entrepreneurs through the Women in Creative Industries Bootcamp. These programmes continue to build local capacity while empowering our creators, innovators, and entrepreneurs.

Saint Kitts and Nevis remains enthusiastic about the outcomes of the IP and Sports Diagnostic Review, which we proudly piloted alongside Trinidad and Tobago. We now look forward to translating its recommendations into concrete action and anticipate hosting a national symposium later this year to advance dialogue and implementation among key stakeholders.

We also wish to express our sincere appreciation for WIPO's continued support in the modernization of our Intellectual Property Office through the IPAS platform. We are especially pleased to have launched our electronic filing pilot just two weeks ago, marking an important milestone in improving the accessibility, efficiency, and user-friendliness of our IP services. This achievement would not have been possible without WIPO's technical guidance and support, and we look forward to continued collaboration as we further strengthen our digital IP infrastructure and enhance service delivery to our stakeholders.

We look forward with great excitement to WIPO's engagement in supporting geographical indication protection for Nevis mangoes, an initiative that highlights the unique value of our agricultural products and their connection to local heritage and identity.

As emerging technologies reshape the global innovation landscape, Saint Kitts and Nevis maintains a keen interest in the ongoing discussions surrounding intellectual property and artificial intelligence. We look forward to continued engagement with WIPO and Member States as we collectively explore policies that foster innovation while safeguarding creators and rights holders.

In closing, we commend the excellent work of WIPO's Caribbean Division and reaffirm our commitment to continued cooperation with WIPO in building a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-looking intellectual property environment.