



GENERAL STATEMENT BY ZAMBIA DURING THE 68TH SERIES OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF WIPO HELD FROM 7TH TO 15TH, 2026, IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.

Thank you, Chairperson.

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Zambia aligns herself with the statements delivered by South Africa on behalf of the African Group and Nepal on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group.

We congratulate you, Chairperson, and the Vice-Chairs on your election and assure you of Zambia's full support. We also congratulate the Director General on his reappointment and commend his continued leadership of WIPO. We thank the Secretariat for the excellent preparation of these Assemblies.

Chairperson,

Zambia remains committed to a balanced, inclusive and development-oriented intellectual property system that promotes innovation, creativity and sustainable development.

We appreciate WIPO's continued technical assistance, particularly through the Zambia Miombo Forest Honey Intellectual Property Initiative, the strengthening of intellectual property education in creative institutions, development for Technology and Innovation Support Centres, and assistance in the review of Zambia's trade mark and copyright legislative frameworks.

Chairperson,

I wish to take this opportunity to inform the Assembly that the Cabinet of the Republic of Zambia has approved the accession to

the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the Marrakesh Treaty, as well as the ratification of the Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances. We look forward to completing the necessary domestic processes.

Chairperson,

Zambia supports continued discussions on limitations and exceptions to copyright with the aim of facilitating access to educational materials, digital learning, research collaboration and the preservation of cultural heritage, while maintaining an appropriate balance between the rights of creators and the public interest.

Further, Zambia reaffirms her support for the finalisation of an international legal instrument on Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions that recognises, protects and enables indigenous and local communities to benefit from their knowledge and cultural heritage.

In conclusion, Zambia remains committed to working closely with WIPO and all Member States to build a balanced intellectual property system that supports innovation, economic growth and sustainable development.

I thank you.