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Madame Chairperson,
Director-General,
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

- At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your assumption of office as
  Chairperson of the General Assembly. I am confident that under your able
  leadership, this Assembly will produce very fruitful outcomes. My tribute also
  goes to the other members of the Bureau.

- I would like to assure you of my delegation’s full support and cooperation as you
  discharge your important responsibilities.

- I would also like to commend the outgoing Chair of the General Assembly,
  Ambassador Ugljesa Zvekic of Serbia, for his dedication and service extended to
  the Assembly.

- My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by Singapore on behalf of
  ASEAN.

Madame Chair,

- I would also like to thank Director-General Dr. Francis Gurry for the
  comprehensive report submitted to this Assembly, updating the developments in
  the work of WIPO. We wish to congratulate WIPO and the Member states for the
  successful adoption of the Marrakesh Treaty to facilitate Access to Published
  Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print
  Disabled in June this year.

Madame Chair,

- Myanmar has now ushered in a new era. Since the formation of the new
  government 30 months ago, we have successfully undertaken many key reforms
  within a short period of time. With the increasing support and cooperation from
  the international community, we are confident that we will achieve our goals of
  democratic transformation, job creation, income generation and poverty
  alleviation sooner.
- Setting the economic development as one of the top priorities for the country, we are fully aware that the protection and enforcement of the Intellectual Property Rights would encourage foreign direct investment as well as stimulate the creativity and innovation for the development of related industries.

- The Myanmar Foreign Direct Investment Law was promulgated in November 2012. With the entry into force of this law, Myanmar is doubling its efforts in drafting a patent law, an industrial design law, a trademarks and service marks law and a copyrights law. Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank WIPO for its assistance in these drafting processes and in the establishment of an IP office in Myanmar by sending relevant experts and enabling our officials to participate in the IP related activities including meetings and trainings courses abroad.

- Furthermore, we were very pleased to receive Director-General Dr. Francis Gurry in Myanmar in November 2012, and we are satisfied with the discussions that the senior officials had with him during the visit.

- We are looking forward to receiving continued support and assistance from WIPO in our efforts to develop a strong IP system in Myanmar.

- I thank you, Madame Chair.