

In the Name of God

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Mr. Chairman.

At the outset, we would like to congratulate you and your vice chairs on your elections. My delegation express its appreciation for all your efforts to advance the work of IGC and convening different meetings in this regard.

It is a long-standing aspirations of the right holders and beneficiaries in many countries to see that their Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge, and Traditional Cultural Expressions to be protected against misappropriation and misuse. Doing so would move the IP system in a more balanced direction, ensuring the legitimate interests of developing countries in the IP system, improving the enabling environment for development and enhancing the contribution of developing countries to global knowledge and global cultural partnerships and through that, promote creativity and innovation. Therefore, to fill the lacuna in international IP system and to realize all those objectives, the conclusion of international legally binding instrument/s to provide effective

protection of Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge, and Traditional Cultural Expressions is essential.

It may be emphasized that the issues of disclosure and benefit sharing based on prior informed consent and on mutually agreed terms, should be adequately addressed to ensure sustainability of the results of our work.

To conclude, my delegation would like to thank the Secretariat for preparations for this session and for their constant support.

Thank you Mr. Chair