

**Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources,  
Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)**

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Statement on behalf of 26 EU Member States:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden<sup>1</sup>

Chair, Distinguished Heads of Delegations, Your Excellencies,

1. Poland is honored to deliver this statement on behalf of 26 EU Member States. The list of the countries will be presented in the written form of this statement.
2. February this year marked three years of Russia's continued full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Unprovoked and unjustified aggression against Ukraine has caused immense suffering of the Ukrainian population, destruction and considerable damage to civilian infrastructure, as well as drainage of the intellectual human capital of Ukraine. Its grave negative impact on the Ukrainian IP ecosystem has been reported by WIPO in document A/65/7. It has also affected our collective work towards strengthening IP globally, including within the framework of IGC.
3. 26 EU Member States, on behalf of whom this statement is delivered, express solidarity with Ukraine and support the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. We demand Russia to immediately stop its invasion of Ukraine, withdraw its troops from the whole territory and cease all violations of international law.
4. We remain committed to seeing Russia and its leadership held fully accountable for waging a war of aggression against Ukraine and for other most serious crimes under international law, as well as for the massive amount of damage caused by its war.
5. We, therefore, welcome the decision made during the 65th series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO under agenda item 18, titled '*Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System*'. At the same time we are looking forward to the proper implementation of this decision and emphasize the need for WIPO's continued assistance, which is critical for the recovery and rebuilding of the Ukrainian IP ecosystem damaged by the war.
6. Chair, the group of 26 EU Member States remain committed to working constructively during this session of the Committee.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> Reactive, to be delivered if needed.