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Statement of Angola – Agenda Item 1

Mr. Chair,

Many thanks for giving me the floor.

Angola congratulates you on your nomination and would like to assure you of our full confidence in your leadership. We believe that under your guidance, this session will achieve concrete and balanced results.

Here, we express our support for the statement delivered by the African Group and take this opportunity to underscore our commitment to its expressed priorities and positions.

Mr. Chair,

We highly value the work carried out by this Committee, with particular attention to genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions.

For Angola, these discussions are not only about Intellectual Property, they are closely related to the preservation of cultural heritage, to the protection of the knowledge and to the practices of communities, bearing in mind the need to ensure that the benefits arising from these mechanisms are shared in a fair and equitable manner.

In this regard, we encourage the Committee to maintain a constructive and inclusive approach, taking into account the interests and concerns of all involved parties in these important matters.

Mr. Chair,

In conclusion, Angola stands ready to engage constructively with all delegations, in a spirit of flexibility, mutual respect and a willingness to find common ground. We believe that progress will require the commitment of all Members and a genuine effort to find fair and balanced solutions that address the concerns of all and everyone.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.