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GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Mr. Chair,

At the outset, Ukraine expresses its sincere gratitude to the World Intellectual Property Organization for its dedicated endeavors in the development of sustainable and accessible international system of intellectual property. We recognize the WIPO's role in strengthening the world system of IP legal protection as well as its functioning as a global platform for exchanging policies and best practices in the sphere of intellectual property.

Ukraine acknowledges that success of WIPO builds on the work of all WIPO Committees and Working groups. We are wholeheartedly supporting the efforts of the WIPO Director General, its Secretariat and those result-oriented colleagues for their contributions to effectively address the challenges in the sphere of intellectual property in order to strengthen the worldwide IP system.

Following the path of European integration, Ukraine is in the process of moving to the WIPO's Regional Group of Central European and Baltic States (CEBS). Ukraine's joining CEBS would reconfirm geographical and historical realities, as well as contribute to broadening a common European intellectual property platform. We would like to encourage all CEBS Member States to finally support Ukraine's well-grounded aspirations.

Mr. Chair,

The sphere of intellectual property is one of the priorities of the Government of Ukraine. The Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine – as the main IP coordination body – is working tirelessly to further develop the national IP system and increase the competitiveness of the national economy based on knowledge and innovation.

Ukraine highly appreciates the support and assistance of WIPO in establishing the national Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) network in Ukraine; elaboration of the National IP Strategy; establishing the national IP Training Center; holding of WIPO-Ukraine Summer Schools as well as a number of joint awareness raising and capacity building events and initiatives.

The outcome of the awareness raising, IP respect-building activity, facilitating access to use IP information for promoting innovation and creativity has been reflected in Ukraine's ranking place in the Global Innovation Index 2019 and in its status as "innovation achiever".

Using this opportunity, I would like to draw attention to the opening in this building on October 3rd of the Ukrainian exhibition "Innovative Ukraine: From Soul to Brain". It showcases enormous potential of Ukraine as a country open for business and investment, combining deeply rooted traditions and rich cultural heritage with innovative activity, effectively responding to global IP challenges.

I thank you.