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**FIFTY-NINTH SERIES OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF  
THE MEMBER STATES OF WIPO (September 30 to October 9, 2019)**

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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ZAMBIA**

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**Chairperson,**

The Zambian delegation is pleased once again to join other member states of WIPO at this year's assembly.

Allow me at the outset to express our appreciation to you chairperson for the manner in which you have continued to guide the proceedings of these meetings and I also extend our thanks to the secretariat for their work in ensuring the success of these meetings. We also thank the Director General - Dr. Francis Gury for his comprehensive report on the affairs of WIPO.

Taking this opportunity, please allow me to acknowledge the successful cooperation Zambia has continued to have with WIPO in many areas of IP development. I wish to acknowledge in particular the support rendered by WIPO towards the establishment and development of the Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC) in Zambia. In this regard, we are grateful for TISC network launch workshop that was held in Zambia in July this year whose objective was to develop and reinforce skills of participants in searching and using patents Information and other scientific publications. This TISC workshop was significant for us as it provided for us an opportunity to build a network of TISCs across the country. A number of academic and Research institutions have now expressed interest to establish Technology and Innovation Support Centres at their institutions. We will continue to engage WIPO for further cooperation in this regard.

**Chairperson,**

I also want to thank WIPO for organizing and facilitating the participation of heads of Copyright in the workshop on Limitation and Exceptions which was held in Nairobi, Kenya from 10th to 15th June 2019. The meeting discussed the proposed Broadcasting Treaty, Resale Right and Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries, Archives, Museums and Educational and Research Institutions. We

reiterate Zambia's willingness to engage constructively on these issues as discussed in the Nairobi meeting.

Turning to other critical matters on the agenda, the Zambian delegation wishes to align itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished delegate of Uganda on behalf of the African group. Zambia wish to retaliates the importance of the renewed mandate of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC). As one of the countries that has already enacted a national law on the Protection of Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Expressions of Folklore, Zambia stands ready to share information on its experiences on this subject.

**Chairperson**

Zambia stands ready to engage constructively on other matters on the agenda and I wish the assemblies a success.

**I thank you.**