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The Norwegian Delegation wishes to express its satisfaction seeing the Chair, on the podium and wishes the best of luck in guiding this Assembly to a successful conclusion. We also welcome and congratulate the Vice-Chairs. We commend the Secretariat and Director General Daren Tang for their excellent preparatory work for these assemblies.

Norway maintains the importance of improving the Member States' ability to monitor the economy and administration of WIPO and welcomes the continued efforts and cooperation to this end.

The Norwegian delegation commends the International Bureau for its continued focus on securing the best available global services under the PCT, Madrid and Hague systems. Smooth systems, ongoing dedication to simplification and cost-savings for the benefit of the users - these are crucial to continued and increased use of these global IP-services. We note with pleasure that the working groups under these systems continue to make progress for improving regulations, guidelines and practices. Norway is committed to the work on global services, in the interest of the existing and future users of the systems.

Norway supports a renewed mandate for the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore.

Norway continues to support the work in the SCCR towards a treaty on the protection of broadcasting organizations.

Regarding developments in Norway, we would like to highlight

- entry into force of amendments in the Copyright Act allowing for the ratification of the Marrakech treaty (and Directive 2017/1564/EU) and the deposit 31st August 2021 of the necessary documents in WIPO
- entry into force of a new Act on collective management of copyright and related rights (Directive 2014/26/EU)
- entry into force of amendments in the Dispute Act and the Criminal Procedure Act which prohibit taking evidence from patent advisors who appear on the list provided for in the European Patent Convention Article 134

By way of conclusion, the Norwegian Delegation underlines its commitment to contribute in a positive and constructive way to the success of these General Assemblies.