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Thank you Mr. President,

Mr. Director General,

Distinguished Delegates and Colleagues,

On behalf of our delegation, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the International Bureau of World Intellectual Property Organization for the excellent organization of the Assemblies, and convey our congratulations to Mr. President and express the assurances of support and appreciation.

The Republic of Azerbaijan attaches great importance to the creation and maintenance of a balanced, transparent and effective international Intellectual property system, and considers IP as an important tool for sustainable growth and wealth creation. WIPO is a crucial player in creating a secure environment for investment in scientific and industrial research and in fostering innovation. For these reasons, we reiterate our support for WIPO in its mission to promote innovation and creativity for the economic, social and cultural development of all countries through a balanced and effective international IP system.

I'd like to express sincere gratitude to the Director General, Dr. Francis Gurry for comprehensive report and emphasize the successful implementation of the strategic goals of WIPO. With appreciation, we are witnessing that such issues as enhancement of cooperation between member countries, capacity building of human resources in developing countries, implementation of projects undertaken by WIPO Academy,

improvement of the legislative framework are foreground within the activity of the Organization. In this respect, development of training capacities within the National Patent Office of Azerbaijan with support of WIPO Academy is particularly important.

The official visit of WIPO Director General Dr. Francis Gurry to Azerbaijan last year, his meetings with the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as with other government officials opened new perspectives of cooperation between Azerbaijan and WIPO.

As almost everywhere in the world, in national economic policy the innovation oriented and human capital based economic development is a key priority for the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The development of non-oil sector of the national economy becomes more and more crucial target in this regard. The support to scientific innovation, establishment of environment with incentives for technology transfer and encouragement of innovations are among these efforts. In this respect, we consider WIPO's Technology and Innovation Support Centers as one of effective tools to foster success of aforementioned initiatives at the national level. We are looking forward to intensify cooperation with WIPO to accelerate the establishment of such centers in Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan joins to the initiatives of the Organization and appreciates the implementation of best practices for the interests of all member states. In recent years, significant results have been achieved in the field of the activities of WIPO committees and bodies. In this light we look forward for progress in the framework of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore and express our readiness for constructive work in this regard.

In order to strengthen the fight against piracy electronic smart system on identification of control marks stapled to copies of copyright objects has been established for the first time in Azerbaijan and Educational training Smart-class has already taken action. For protection of copyrights in internet there is established "one-stop-shops" principle based collective management system and it is expected to integrate its databases with the system to be launched by WIPO. Support from WIPO

is appreciated and we are looking forward for cooperation with the Organization in this regard.

At the same time management of copyrights, protection of rights in digital network and regulation of responsibility tasks against infringers of rights and providers in digital area are important challenges of time. It demands the creation of global infrastructure and database at the international level.

We are confident that, the Assembly will have a comprehensive coverage of all the important issues and a constructive dialogue will be succeeded in solving relevant issues.

I wish success to the work of the Assembly.

Thank you for your attention!