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Republic of Azerbaijan**

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Dear Mr. Chairman,  
Dear Director General,  
Distinguished ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of our delegation I would like to congratulate the newly elected Chairman, Ambassador Duong Chi Dung and vice chair, assure them of our full support and cooperation.

The Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan has been continuing the reforms aiming to strengthen the sustainable economic growth based on nonoil industry, improved investment climate and human capital. The core of these reforms is adoption and implementation of best legislative as well as institutional building practices existing in developed economies. Those goals as well as priorities of innovative activity are underlined in decrees of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan adopting Strategic Road Maps on development of various fields of economy.

In frame of these reforms appropriate institutional changes were undertaken in Intellectual rights protection system of Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan's Patent and Trademark Office was established as the national organization in the related field, and some reforms made in the national copyrights office.

Above mentioned reforms are motivated from understanding of the growing importance of innovations as crucial element of a modern sustainable economy and these institutional changes are intended to serve for development of the IP rights system as well as to meet international requirements in related fields.

With appreciation would like to emphasize the continuous support from WIPO rendered to development of Intellectual property rights protection system of Azerbaijan. Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and WIPO paved a way to a range of common initiatives on widening our cooperation.

Number of projects aimed at the enhancement of training capacities of the National Patent Office, the Copyright Agency and the Enforcement Centre on Intellectual Property under the Agency, as well as promoting establishment of Technology and Innovation Centers in various scientific and educational organizations, common work on the issue of intellectual property policy at universities and scientific-research enterprises becomes practical examples of successful collaboration with WIPO. In this regard, we are looking forward for establishing a WIPO External Office in Baku that would bring this interaction to a new level.

We remain adherent to cooperation with the International Bureau in this direction and are interested to consider further accession to various legal instruments of WIPO as well as widening cooperation with relevant European organizations.

I take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the team of International Bureau led by Dr. Gurry for this excellent cooperation.

I wish you a fruitful and successful work during these Assemblies

Thank you.