

**Statement by H.E Mr. Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative of the
Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the
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Mr. Chairman,

- At the outset, I would like to convey our deepest condolences to the Government and people of Vietnam for passing away of the President of Vietnam.
- We are delighted to see you as Chairman of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. We are confident that under your able leadership and wisdom, this Assembly will be able to make substantial progress on several pending issues. I would like to assure you, Mr. Chairman, our delegation's full support in discharging your responsibilities.
- We congratulate the Director General and his team for the useful and informatic reports which reflect the progress made and the results achieved by the Organization in 2017.
- Myanmar commends Indonesia for its effective and tireless efforts as the coordinator of the Asia-Pacific Group.
- My delegation aligns itself with the statements made on behalf of ASEAN and the Asia-pacific group.

Mr. Chairman,

- Today, as we sit on the cusp of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, Intellectual Property is the driving force behind the revolution. Therefore, the role of WIPO becomes more significant and more crucial than ever.
- We commend the WIPO for its development cooperation activities under the WIPO Development Agenda to contribute to the implementation of Agenda 2030 as the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) has been making effort onthe further WIPO's development agenda.
- My delegation welcomes the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Committee on IP and GRTKF (IGC) to the General Assembly and looks forward to finalizing the texts of the international instrument for effective protection of the IGC and making further progress in its next three sessions.

- Myanmar supports the proposals of the Asia Pacific Group for the compositions of the Coordination Committee (CoCo) and the Program and Budget Committee (PBC) and hopes that the fruitful outcome will be produced during these assemblies.

Mr. Chairman,

- Myanmar is trying to modernize its IP legislation and develop a viable IP administration in order to cater the increasing economic activities and investments. All draft IP Laws of Patent, Trademark, Industrial Design and Copyright were submitted to the Parliament for its approval.
- Subsequently, the draft laws were made public for comments, and now they are being discussed at the Parliament. We hope that the draft IP Laws will be enacted soon.
- Furthermore, we are also trying to set up a modern and viable national IP office and to establish a new national IP system in order to promote innovation and creative capacity of our country.

Mr. Chairman,

- In this regard, my delegation wishes to thank the Director-General of WIPO and his team for their continued cooperation and assistance extended to Myanmar in formulating the first National IP Strategy of Myanmar and the draft laws as well as enhancing the awareness of intellectual property rights and promoting the domestic innovation.
- We are looking forward to receiving continued support and assistance from WIPO in developing Myanmar IP system and in promoting domestic innovation.

Mr. Chairman,

- I wish all member states fruitful deliberations during these Assemblies.

I thank you.