

**Statement by the Myanmar Delegation
at the 59th session of the WIPO General Assemblies
(30 September to 9 October 2019)**

Mr. Chair,

- Myanmar Delegation is very much delighted to see you chairing the General Assemblies. We assure you our delegation's full support and cooperation in discharging your responsibilities.
- Let me join others in thanking and congratulating the Director General and his team, for their invaluable efforts during the past year.
- Myanmar associates itself with the statements by ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific Group.

Mr. Chair,

- Myanmar, like other ASEAN Members, is actively participating in the IPR Activities in conformity with the framework of the ASEAN IPR Action Plan 2016-2025.
- Myanmar is focusing on developing a proper IP system to promote innovation and creativity to cater to the needs of increasing economic activities and investments.
- We have witnessed some positive IP developments in Myanmar during this year. Four IP related laws – Trademark Law, Industrial Design Law, Patent Law and Copyright Law have been successfully promulgated in the early 2019. Soft opening of the IP office is scheduled to take place at the end of this year. Accordingly, the IP office will start its work with Trademark registration.
- Taking this opportunity, my delegation wishes to express our sincere appreciation to the Director-General and his team for their legal and technical assistance extended to Myanmar in the field of IP. We look forward to receiving continued support and assistance from WIPO in developing Myanmar IP system and in promoting domestic innovation.

Mr. Chair,

- As we recognize the requirement of a more balanced regional representation, particularly in the composition of the Coordination Committee and the Programme and Budget Committee, Myanmar supports the proposals as contained in documents

WO/GA/51/17 and A/59/12, re-tabled by the Asia-Pacific Group to the General Assembly. We believe that mutually acceptable outcomes will be achieved through consultation and engagement among the member states.

- We are of the view that opening of new External Offices will serve the greater WIPO agenda and help strengthen the global IP system. We also believe that the issue should be addressed in an inclusive, transparent and consensual manner in conformity with the principles for External Offices, adopted by the WIPO General Assemblies.
- Myanmar also welcomes the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee on IP and GRTKF (IGC) for the renewal of the mandate for the next biennium and looks forward to reaching a common understanding on core issues and finalizing the texts of legal instrument for effective protection of the IGC.

Mr. Chair,

- We wish fruitful deliberations during these Assemblies.
- Thank you, Mr. Chair.