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**Madam Chair,**

**Director General,**

**Distinguished delegates,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

At the outset let me express my satisfaction for the opportunity to address the 51<sup>st</sup> Series of Meetings of Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my delegation's congratulations to you, Madam Chair, upon your election to preside over our deliberations. I am confident that under your able leadership our work will be crowned with success. My delegations congratulations are also extensive to the members of the bureau.

Madam Chair,

My delegation would like to commend the Director General for the brilliant presentation of his report which reflects WIPO's commitment to promote innovation and creativity for the economic, social and cultural development of all countries through a balanced and effective international intellectual property system.

The Report gives a clear picture on the WIPO activities aimed at achieving the strategic goals, under the overall WIPO's biennial Program which highlights the importance of a balanced development of the international normative outline, provision of high quality global services, facilitation of the use of Intellectual Property for development, coordination and development of worldwide Intellectual Property infrastructure, International source of reference for Intellectual Property information and analysis, International cooperation and protection of Intellectual Property Rights.

In this framework, Mozambique wishes to underscore the successful outcome of the Marrakesh Diplomatic Conference which resulted in the conclusion of the Treaty to facilitate access to published works by visually impaired persons and persons with print disabilities.

Mozambique always held the view that the conclusion of such international instrument was a matter of significance and urgency. Indeed, my country is one

of the member's states that signed the Treaty already. We are working for its ratification soon.

My delegation is also happy to announce that last August Mozambique deposited the instruments of ratification to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Work.

We value the existing level of cooperation between Mozambique and WIPO. Under this cooperation Intellectual Property Automation System (IPAS) is being successfully implemented.

In this context, I am happy to inform that a WIPO technical mission is visiting Mozambique.

A growing number of Universities and other Institutes of High Learning are including Intellectual Property courses as part of their curriculum. This progress reflects the importance my Government attaches to Intellectual Property development, dissemination and awareness. With the support of WIPO, Mozambique intends to establish an Intellectual Property National Academy in the near future.

Mozambique has been participating in joint training programs on Intellectual Property Rights. In this regard, Mozambique was happy to hold a symposium sponsored by WIPO and ARIPO last year. Cooperation between WIPO and Mozambique is also visible through implementation by bilateral agencies.

One of the main objectives of my countries cooperation with WIPO aims at helping our society to attain acceptable levels of economic, social and cultural development through unlocking the potential of innovation and Intellectual Property.

In this framework we accord special importance to the WIPO Development Agenda, adopted by the General Assembly in 2007 with the objective of mainstreaming the development dimension into all areas of WIPO's work. We praise WIPO for its role to ensure that its activities contribute successfully to UN development initiatives, including the achievement of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

We wish to emphasize the importance of the Joint Proposal by the Development Agenda Group and the African Group on WIPO's Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation and Development

Equally, my delegation commends the progress registered so far in the consideration of intellectual property and genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore, and believes on the importance on the convening of the diplomatic conference as soon as possible.

In our view, the outcome of the Conference will ensure the effective protection of Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore and promote community development.

**Madam Chair,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

As I conclude my statement, I would like to reiterate my country's commitment to continue to work for the enhancement of the ties of cooperation between Mozambique and WIPO.

I thank you!