

FULL STATEMENT FOR THE RECORDS

**56 SERIES OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE MEMBER
STATES OF WIPO**

**GENERAL STATEMENT
OF
THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
AGENDA ITEM 5**

Chairman,

The delegation of the Republic of Poland congratulates you and the vice Chairs on your election. Our thanks go to the outgoing Chair for all his dedication. We also thank the WIPO Secretariat for their work and diligence efforts made throughout the year.

The Delegation of Poland associates itself with the statements made by Slovakia on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and Latvia on behalf of the Central Europe and Baltic States.

Poland supports the proposal made by the Republic of Latvia concerning a new electoral cycle of the WIPO GA presiding officers. It will considerably contribute to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the meetings during WIPO Assemblies' sessions.

Poland acknowledges WIPO's continuing efforts to improve the global IP systems (PCT, Madrid and the Hague), provide new IT services to users, institute user-friendly amendments and increase efficiency and we

appreciate the progress made and the positive developments with regard to their effective functioning.

We support the activities of the PCT Working Group towards enhancing the PCT system and its use by users and industrial property offices. Poland, as a member of the Visegrad Patent Institute – the VPI, contributes to the good functioning of the system by providing high quality services to its users in Poland and from other countries who appoint the VPI as an International Searching and Preliminary Examination Authority.

Further improvements to and completion of the international normative framework for a balanced and effective international IP system continues to be important. Poland welcomes the agreement reached during the 23th session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents to continue discussions on the five balanced topics.

With regard to the SCT, Poland regrets that the 55-th General Assembly was not able to decide positively on the convening of a diplomatic conference on the Design Law Treaty. The text that all of us have negotiated so long is mature. We are strongly convinced that the treaty will bring real benefits to Member State businesses wishing to operate abroad. Simplifying and aligning application procedures will render the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs more effective and this will significantly contribute to reducing costs and bureaucracy linked to exporting. We hope that these Assemblies will take a decision on a date for a diplomatic conference on the designs formalities treaty in 2017. If it again turns to be impossible, we see no

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merit in referring the matter back to the SCT and burdening that Committee with the unproductive work.

Poland recognizes the importance of the technical work of the Committee on WIPO Standards – CWS; and since it is technical throughout, its work cannot and should not be politicized. We urge all parties to seek a consensus on the organizational and special rules of procedure of this body. The deliberations of this committee are of value to all of us.

Poland recognizes the importance of the work carried out by the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore. Poland remains willing to work towards an appropriately balanced and flexible outcome.

As far as the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) is concerned – for Poland - the main priority is that the Committee should focus on a way forward to finalize the proposal for the treaty on the protection of the broadcasting organizations - one that responds to the current and future needs of broadcasting organizations. Poland invariably recognizes and supports the ongoing call of the broadcasters' environment to introduce the global solution to signal piracy, which jeopardizes their legitimate and necessary investments.

Poland has been very supportive of a broad program of work for the Advisory Committee for Enforcement, sharing with other member states our own experience in this regard and aiming at building respect for

Intellectual Property among general public. That is why we are in favour of regular ACE meetings, on a yearly basis.

As regards the on-going work on WIPO's Development Agenda, Poland would like to reaffirm its support and commitment to the appropriate implementation of the recommendations of the Development Agenda. We fully acknowledge the need to further provide technical assistance and capacity building to developing and least developed countries.

Chairman,

Let me now say a few words on Poland's national IP activities. During the previous year the Polish Patent Office has continued to focus on promoting industrial property by organizing a wide range of conferences, seminars, workshops and trainings addressed to various institutions and professions. Some of them were organized in cooperation and with the participation of the representatives of WIPO, such as the annual International Krakow Symposium or workshops on innovation in the health sector as part of the research project "Intellectual Property and Socio-Economic Development".

The Office was also undertaking educational activities targeting among others entrepreneurs, economists, lawyers, scientists, judges. Lectures, workshops and panel discussions were devoted to the latest issues connected with industrial property protection in various aspects and each time attracted a big audience.

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I would like to draw your attention to a new and special initiative addressed to secondary school students: the Polish Patent Office - within the framework of Robert Bosch Academy of Inventors - organized in 2015 workshops, under the heading: "Become an inventor", during which secondary school students met with young inventors, who, in spite of their young age are authors of inventions or utility models.

Another initiative worth mentioning is the Internet Educational Platform of the Polish Patent Office, which is available at ipe.uprp.pl and consists of the knowledge zone and the training zone.

Chairman, last but for sure not least: our thanks go to WIPO, the Director General and all its' staff – but in particular to the Department for Transition and Developed Countries – for an outstanding cooperation and assistance delivered to Poland – contributing to the promotion of intellectual property rights in Poland.

Thank you Mister Chairman.