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Opening Statement (Agenda Item 5) to be included in the Report

Delegation of the Slovak Republic

Honorable Chair,
Director General Darent Tang,
Excellences and distinguished delegates,

The Slovak Republic associates with the statement made by Slovenia on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and with the statement made by Georgia on behalf of CEBS regional group.

On the outset we would like to express our thanks to the Director General, Mr. Darent Tang, and the WIPO Secretariat for the preparation of these Assemblies under these extraordinary circumstances and to all WIPO staff for upholding services to the IP Community in the last months.

Emphasizing the ability and actual role of IP to stimulate creativity and innovation, we note with appreciation the record of WIPO's activities and positive achievements outlined in the Report of the Director General to these Assemblies, especially highlighting activities and programs in regard to technical assistance, information about continuing adherences to WIPO-administered treaties and growing use of international IP-systems based on these treaties and Unions.

Slovakia maintains the importance of improving the Member States' ability to monitor the economy and administration of WIPO and welcomes the continued efforts and cooperation to this end. The Slovak delegation acknowledges WIPO's continuing efforts for its focus on securing the best available global services under the PCT, Madrid and Hague systems.

We note with satisfaction the numerous achievements outlined in the Annual Financial Report where overall performance had shown resilience and strength of the organization, despite the challenges of the previous year.

We note with pleasure that the working groups under these systems continue to make progress for improving rules, guidelines and practices even in these challenging times. Slovakia is

committed to the work on global services, in the interest of the existing and future users of the systems.

Slovakia is pleased to note WIPO's efforts towards an effective and efficient response to COVID-19. We support WIPO in reaching out to business in the effort to swift economic recovery.

Mr. Chair, in respect of normative agenda, we hope that the remaining open issues will be resolved, and the long awaited decision to convene a diplomatic conference for the adoption of the Design Law Treaty will be achieved.

The Slovak delegation recalls its appreciation of ongoing efforts of the Lisbon Union members aimed at eliminating the budget deficit of the Union. We are engaged in the deliberations at the Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System in order to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Union

Slovakia recognizes and is satisfied with the SCP's ongoing work on important issues in this area.

We recognize the importance of the activities of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property and support the WIPO's activities in the field of technical assistance.

Finally, we would like to thank WIPO Secretariat, WIPO Academy and in particular the Department for Transition and Developed Countries for the excellent cooperation and assistance provided during the previous period.

In February the on-line seminar on WIPO databases and on-line tools was organised for academia and universities. Preparatory works on International Conference "Hydrogen Technologies in Transport" are underway. Event will be held in December.

By way of conclusion, the Slovak Delegation underlines its commitment to contribute in a positive and constructive way to the success of these General Assemblies.

Thank you Mr Chairman