

Japan's intervention at 63th WIPO Assemblies (July 14<sup>th</sup>-July 22<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

Agenda item 9 (vi): The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) (WO/GA/55/6) (WO/GA/55/11)

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The delegation of Japan would like to express its appreciation to the chair and all the Member States for the efforts in moving the discussions forward, including the amended proposal by African Group.

The delegation of Japan aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished delegate of the United States.

Regarding the proposal of convening a Diplomatic Conference in relation to the GRs and associated TK based on the Chair's text, Japan cannot support such a proposal.

While we appreciate former Chair's personal initiative in preparing the Chair's Text, we are of the view that this text was drafted on the former Chair's personal capacity and does not reflect the views of all Member States. In addition, the contents of the Chair's text have never been formally discussed at the IGC. This is an objective observation of the present situation.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

Additional intervention

Thank you, Madam Chair.

We will not block the consensus.

We disassociate from this consensus.

Thank you, Madam Chair.