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GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Director - General, Madame Chair, Honorable Ministers, Your Excellences, distinguished delegates!

I express my gratitude to Madam Chair, Director General Daren Tang, and the WIPO Secretariat for the preparation of these General Assemblies.

Ukraine is actively advancing its IP development. Our recent accession to the Marrakesh Treaty showcases Ukraine's commitment to international IP standards and protecting vulnerable groups.

We adopted a forward-looking legislation on copyright and related rights that allow us to adapt to evolving technologies and challenges faced by our creators.

We also introduced various laws to strengthen the protection of IP rights of national and foreign users in compliance with EU regulations. European integration remains a priority and largely determines our actions and policies as an EU candidate country.

However, today our foremost national priority is to protect human lives and the potential of our nation in the face of Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine.

While Russia continues its deliberate attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure, the Ukrainian Government, with international support, is implementing vital programs to assist SMEs, businesses, creative industries, and persons affected by Russia's war.

Ukraine on numerous occasions shed light on the scale of Russia's aggressive war against Ukraine within this august house, but regrettably, the numbers depicting this scale continue to rise.

The recent detonation of the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant by Russia has led to the largest ecological and humanitarian disaster Europe has witnessed in decades.

Russia deliberately damaged or destroyed more than 100 000 civilian infrastructure facilities in Ukraine.

The total cost of reconstruction and recovery in Ukraine has grown to 411 billion USD since Russia's full-scale invasion last February.

Madame Chair,

Ukraine extends sincere appreciation for the solidarity and support we received from WIPO, our regional CEBS group members, Group B members and all like-minded countries and organizations.

Ukraine expresses profound gratitude to the International Bureau for preparing the Report on Assistance and Support for Ukraine, which confirms a profound devastating impact of Russia's war of aggression on Ukraine's society and economy. We look forward to continued partnership with WIPO and its members in rebuilding and strengthening Ukraine's IP sector.

We would like to emphasize the significance of upholding global IP services. This includes the topics that will be addressed during the PCT Union discussions as well as those initiated by the Government of Ukraine.

We endorse WIPO's new Mission and Vision, which is to lead the development of a balanced and effective global IP ecosystem to promote innovation and creativity for a sustainable future in a dynamic interplay between law, policy, and practice.

And we commend the efforts of WIPO and its Member States in the implementation of these important objective. You can count on Ukraine's active contribution to these efforts.

Thank you!