## STATEMENT BY MONGOLIA 63<sup>rd</sup> SERIES OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF WIPO MEMBER STATES 14-22 JULY 2022

Madam Chair,

At the outset, let me congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the WIPO and assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation.

Mongolia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished delegation of India on behalf of the Asia Pacific Group (APG) and wishes to highlight the following in its national capacity.

Madam Chair,

The pandemic has created both challenges and opportunities requiring policy-makers to develop long-term socio-economic policies for post-COVID recovery, including in the IP sector.

In this vein, Mongolia has improved its legal framework on intellectual property with the objective of promoting digital transformation of IP rights management and commercialization of IP for the benefit of the Mongolian economy.

Moreover, notwithstanding budgetary restrictions in place, the Government of Mongolia continued to recognize the importance of IP and supported IP Office by increasing the number of staff members. This, in turn, will strengthen IP Office capacity in the IP administration, IP promotion and IP enforcement areas.

It is also noteworthy that, despite the pandemic, the number of filings for IP rights significantly rose in Mongolia. For instance, the number of national trademark, patent and industrial design applications increased by 10-20 percent in 2021.

Our work in the IP field is well-supported internally and externally. We have finalized and are now ready to sign with WIPO a number of important documents, including the Cooperation Agreement for the Development of IP Office Business Services and MoU on development of IP curriculum for institutions of higher education.

Taking this opportunity, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the WIPO Secretariat for its continued support and fruitful cooperation.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my delegation's full support and constructive engagement in the work of the General Assembly.

I thank you, Madam Chair.