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General Statement of the Republic of Poland

Madam Chair,

Polish delegation fully aligns itself with the statements made by the Group of Central European and Baltic States, and the European Union.

We would like to thank you and the Vice-Chairs for guiding us during these Assemblies. We are grateful for the ongoing commitment of the Director General, Senior Management Team and the Secretariat in successful preparing for these meetings.

Poland condemns the Russian unprovoked attack on sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine. Its consequences on Ukraine's intellectual property cannot be overlooked. Therefore, it is important to support Ukraine's IP and innovation system and help to restore it with our joint efforts.

In the era of global challenges, the need to give new impetus to socio-economic development not only in Ukraine, but also worldwide, is becoming urgent. Today, innovation provides the greatest chance to improve the living conditions of all people. And I believe one of the best instruments to deliver such innovative and user-oriented solutions are designs. Especially sustainable designs that ensure development, do not create damage but protect the natural environment. In this vein, the young Polish designers not only continue the rich traditions in domestic design but also successfully apply them to their digital services and use VR and AR solutions for business development.

Thus, Polish delegation is glad to note that raising IP awareness among young people and women is now an important focus of the Organization's work.

Madam Chair,

My delegation wishes to thank this Organization for its excellent cooperation during this past year. We are particularly grateful to the Regional and National Development Sector and the Division for Transition and Developed Countries for their continued support.

Finally, Poland reaffirms its commitment to work with WIPO and its Member States to find solutions to challenges in order to improve the global IP system for the good of everyone.

We look forward to being part of constructive discussions at these Assemblies.

Thank you, Madam Chair