

The Brazilian Delegation congratulates you on your election as Chair of this 49th session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, and wish you a very productive mandate.

We are pleased to have GRULAC and Group B co-chairing this Committee in a critical moment for the continuation of negotiations regarding the protection of genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions at the multilateral level.

Brazil also takes this opportunity to acknowledge the work of the Secretariat in the preparation of this session.

Madam Chair,

Brazil aligns itself with the intervention delivered by the Delegation of Chile on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC).

Brazil has been a staunch advocate of solutions to issues related to the misuse and misappropriation of genetic resources and the cultural heritage of indigenous peoples and traditional communities. It is our view that our work at the IGC need to be guided towards the promotion of an intellectual property regime in line with the sustainable development goals taking into account the rights of indigenous peoples and traditional communities.

The recently adopted WIPO Treaty on IP, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge reminds us that, despite divergent positions, it is possible to bridge gaps between biodiversity-rich and technology-rich nations, and to promote inclusiveness by ensuring that the benefits of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge are equitably shared, and that the knowledge holders are active participants in the global innovation ecosystem. Brazil remains committed to the strengthening the multilateral intellectual property system, while promoting a more equitable, fair, inclusive IP system that recognizes the centuries-long contribution of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

On a final note, from Brazil's perspective the Chair's text at the 47th session of IGC provides a good basis for our present and future work, as it consolidates in one single document issues that are intertwined and for their indissociable relation should be treated under a holistic approach.

With this in mind, it is our believe that we will be able, through open dialogue and negotiations, to move our work forward and to open new avenues for consensus.

Thank you very much.