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**Sixty-Sixth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO
(Geneva, 8 – 17 July 2025)**

Agenda Item 4

General/Opening Statement

Chair, Director General, Honourable Ministers, Your Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

1. Denmark is honoured to take the floor on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.
2. Chair, we have full confidence that under your leadership we can reach positive outcome and make this General Assembly a success. We would also like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for all its preparatory work.
3. The EU and its Member States engage in WIPO's work with a strong belief in the power of IP as a source of economic growth and driver of development and prosperity. We commend WIPO's work in making IP more user friendly and attracting interest of end-users globally, especially SMEs, women, youth and local communities. The EU and its Member States welcome new initiatives aimed at IP user-oriented activities and shall continue to engage in these activities, thereby striving to act as a bridge-builder in discussions and negotiations.
4. WIPO can count on the continued and active engagement of the EU and its Member States in strengthening the normative agenda of WIPO's work. We are committed and support moving towards the prompt conclusion of a Broadcasting Organisations Treaty.
5. Furthermore, we are ready to constructively engage in the continued work of the IGC, based on the mandate for the 2026/2027 biennium that has been recommended by consensus to the Assembly. Likewise, we will participate in the ongoing work of relevant committees aimed at making the IP registration and protection systems universal, transparent, efficient, and most importantly, user-friendly.

6. The EU and its Member States remain committed to international efforts aimed at strengthening the Lisbon Agreement and its Geneva Act, and at creating new business opportunities stemming from broader promotion and protection of geographical indications. This matter continues to be of particular interest to the EU and its Member States.
7. We also commend the deliverables of WIPO's projects aimed at energy and climate transition, especially through 'WIPO Green', as well as creating new sources of economic development through IP, including by empowering women and youth. We support the need for WIPO's further engagement in these activities and recognise WIPO's role in multilateral efforts aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The continuation of the discussions on IP and artificial intelligence also remains a high priority for us.
8. WIPO's assistance to Ukraine is of great importance to the EU and its Member States. It has proven to be a valuable instrument in the most critical time for Ukraine. The EU and its Member States are ready to engage in the discussion on the content of the report under the respective agenda item. We emphasise once again that we condemn the Russian Federation's unjustified and unprovoked war against Ukraine. The report provides clear evidence that Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine drives us apart rather than bringing us closer together in our collective multilateral efforts, which are promoted by this organisation. The EU and its Member States express our continuous and unwavering support for and solidarity with Ukraine and with the Ukrainian people.
9. In conclusion, let me assure you we stand ready to engage constructively in all discussions during these WIPO Assemblies. We look forward to having a productive session under your able guidance.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 12 (i)

Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR)

Doc. WO/GA/58/4

Chair,

1. The European Union and its Member States remain committed and support progressing soon towards concluding a worthwhile Treaty for the Protection of Broadcasting Organisations which responds to the technological realities of the 21st century. We stand ready to engage in further discussions on the text in order to progress towards convening a diplomatic conference and concluding a meaningful Treaty that would ensure appropriate and effective protection to the broadcasting organisations in their fight against piracy of their signals at international level.
2. The EU and its Member States stand ready to continue to engage constructively in the discussions on Exceptions and Limitations, in particular on the basis of the Work Program agreed at the SCCR 43.
3. We strongly believe that libraries, archives and museums play a crucial role in the dissemination of knowledge, information and culture, along with the preservation of our history. We also attach importance to the support of educational and research institutions and people with disabilities. However, as consistently expressed in the past, we cannot support work towards legally binding instruments at the international level. We believe that our focus should rather be on WIPO support and capacity building for WIPO members and improving their national legislation within the existing international copyright framework, including reflection on possible non-binding instruments. We look forward to discussions on the document to be prepared by the Chair and the Vice-chair.
4. Considering the challenges raised by technological developments, we welcome pursuing the exchange of information on copyright and artificial intelligence.

5. In terms of other agenda items, we take note of document SCCR 43/7 which proposes to include 'Copyright in the Digital Environment' in the standing agenda of the SCCR. We consider that achieving tangible progress on the two current standing agenda items - the draft Broadcasting Treaty and exceptions and limitations - should be the priority for this Committee before adding any new permanent agenda item. Should the SCCR agenda be expanded to cover additional items in the future, we would recommend, as already indicated in the past, including the topic of the Author's Resale Right (*droit de suite*) on the permanent agenda of the SCCR. At the same time, we are ready to continue exchanges of information on issues related to the draft Work Plan for copyright in the digital environment.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 12 (ii)

Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP)

Doc. WO/GA/58/5

Chair,

1. Denmark is honoured to take the floor on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. We would like to thank the Chairs, the WIPO Secretariat and the members of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents for the continuous efforts and progress made since the last General Assembly. There have been constructive discussions and developments on all five main topics on the agenda of the SCP, namely (1) exceptions and limitations to patent rights; (2) the quality of patents, including opposition systems; (3) patents and health; (4) the confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent advisors, and (5) transfer of technology.
2. The quality of patents, including opposition systems, remains of particular importance to the European Union. High-quality patents can guarantee the proper balance between the interests of inventors, industry, and other stakeholders on the one hand, and of society as a whole on the other hand. We are looking forward to advancing the Committee's work, in particular with regard to the topic of artificial intelligence (AI). Further work in this area is beneficial to all countries, irrespective of their level of development, since it would enhance the credibility, reliability, and stability of the international IP system. Presentations by external experts on the use of AI technology for generation of new technical solutions or in R&D processes will also be welcome, as well as sharing sessions on the use of various tools, including AI, for effective patent examination procedures and challenges faced by IP Offices in developing, deploying and using such tools. We continue to believe that, in addition to contributing to the technical quality of patents, the SCP should serve as a forum for discussions about the differences between existing patent law systems, as well as the harmonisation of substantive patent law in the future.
3. The EU and its Member States attach great importance to the confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent advisors. We find it very important to continue updating the compilation of court cases with respect to the client-patent advisor privilege.

4. The topic of transfer of technology remains of great importance for the European Union. In our view, *voluntary* transfer of technology is the best way for the development of the economy, increasing the level of cooperation between patent holders and patentees and, consequently, increasing innovation and competitiveness. Therefore, we count on having further sharing sessions, roundtable discussions on policy experiences on Standard Essential Patents and Fair, Reasonable and Non-Discriminatory licensing, and we look forward to the presentation at SCP 37 of a dedicated webpage containing a compilation of SEP-related legislative and policy measures adopted by Member States, including notable case law.
5. The EU and its Member States remain convinced of the need to ensure a comprehensive and balanced approach to the issue of Patents and Health, by maintaining effective incentives for innovation, researchers, companies, and patent licensing while ensuring broad, affordable, and equitable global access to safe and effective vaccines, diagnostics, and treatments. The existing international rules on intellectual property rights, including patent flexibilities, provide the adequate framework for that purpose. The European Union has recently reached a preliminary agreement on a Regulation, which sets up a TRIPS-compliant EU-wide compulsory licensing system. This complements the compulsory licensing regimes that already exist at the national level in the EU Member States. Finally, the EU and its Member States continue to see value in pursuing regular updates on publicly accessible databases of patent status information concerning medicines and vaccines.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 12 (iii)

Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT)

Doc. WO/GA/58/6

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States continue to attach great importance to the work of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications, as the multilateral forum for discussing international rules and practices in these fields.
2. On the topic of *graphical user interface* (GUI) designs, the EU and its Member States regret that the desired progress could not be achieved during the last session. We remain convinced that adopting the joint recommendation contained in document SCT/44/6 REV.4 would establish a common base line for GUI protection and would further contribute to the modernisation of design practices. As a non-binding recommendation, it would not prejudice the need of some Members to obtain additional prior information on its implications.
3. Regarding trademarks, and specifically the topic of *country names*, we would like to express our gratitude to the co-sponsors of the joint proposal contained in document SCT/43/6 REV.2 for accommodating all previous suggestions of the European Union and its Member States made in this context. We look forward to receiving the revised text of the proposal, with the hope of finalising discussions during the next session of the SCT. On the topic of *nation brands*, we once again thank the co-sponsors for submitting the proposal in doc. SCT/48/3. While we recognise the importance of nation brands as valuable tools for countries to promote their national identity and image, we maintain our assessment that nation brands can benefit adequately from protection through existing legal mechanisms, namely as trademarks and by means of Article 6ter of the Paris Convention. These existing legal frameworks provide sufficient safeguards for nation brands across various jurisdictions. Nevertheless, we remain open to further discussion to clarify the actual difficulties faced by Members and to explore solutions within these existing frameworks.

4. Finally, regarding *geographical indications*, the EU and its Member States thank the Secretariat for organising the information sessions on geographical indications and we thank the participants for sharing their insights and experiences. We were very pleased to have been able to discuss the recognition of GIs in domain name dispute resolutions procedures during the last session, and we look forward to sharing our experiences about the topics selected for the next session.
5. Chair, the EU and its Member States remain committed to advancing discussions in all three areas on the agenda of the SCT.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 12 (iv)

Report on the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations

Doc. WO/GA/58/7

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to express our continued commitment and support to the important work carried out by the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property. We are pleased to see that the Committee has successfully followed its mandate and through the mainstreaming of the Development Agenda (DA) across WIPO sectors, as well as adoption of new DA projects, WIPO has responded to current development-related needs of Member States during 2024. The Committee has also successfully advanced discussions on various IP and development related issues, including on Women and IP, AI Impacts for IP and Development, and IP and the Judiciary: Building Capacities and Expertise, as agreed by the Committee or by the General Assembly.
2. The EU and its Member States express their sincere appreciation for the Director General's Report on the implementation of the Development Agenda for the year 2024 and for the Review of the implementation of Development Agenda Recommendations. We commend the Committee for the adoption of seven new Development Agenda projects in 2024, bringing the total to 62 DA projects approved by the Committee. We also acknowledge with great appreciation the wide range of technical assistance activities that have been provided, which we believe have contributed significantly to the improvements in the intellectual property frameworks of the beneficiary countries.
3. The EU and its Member States welcome the work related to women and IP and the projects to increase the role of women in innovation. We recognise and value numerous internal and externally facing initiatives of WIPO that benefit women, as detailed in the Report on Women and IP, and the positive outcomes that they generate. Promoting gender equality is a high priority for the European Union as it will not only benefit the individuals but all countries and all levels of society.

4. We share the view that the International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development with the sub-topic “The Role of IP and Innovation in Addressing Global Public Health Challenges: Fostering Technological Transfer and Collaborations” organised in the context of the DA and CDIP provided a great opportunity to explore how intellectual property and innovation can be leveraged to support global public health through efficient technology transfer and strategic partnerships. We also commend the Committee for having found an agreement on the sub-topics for the next two International Conferences on Intellectual Property and Development to be held in 2027 and 2029.
5. In conclusion, we acknowledge the extensive and successful work performed by the CDIP. We reaffirm our commitment to contributing to further progress in the Committee’s field, bearing in mind WIPO’s objective to promote the protection of intellectual property throughout the world, including through the cooperation among its Member States.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 12 (v)

**The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources,
Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)**

Doc. WO/GA/58/8

Chair,

1. On behalf of the EU and its Member States, let me thank the Secretariat for the work undertaken during the past year. Let me also thank the IGC co-chairs for their work and dedication in making the last IGC session a success. The last four IGC sessions proved challenging and not always fruitful, in terms of outcome.
2. The EU and its Member States are therefore particularly happy that an agreement was reached in IGC 51, both on transmitting the revised version of the texts on TK and TCE to the next session, and on the recommendation, agreed by consensus, on a renewed IGC mandate for the next two years. As expressed by several delegations at IGC 51, there was a clear desire to revise the working methods to allow for more efficient and meaningful work and we therefore look forward to having exchanges on national and regional experiences. The new format of the IGC session agreed during the discussions on the new mandate would allow for that, by dedicating at least three days of each session on sharing good practices and concrete initiatives and examples.
3. In any event, we would like to reiterate our view that any international instrument on traditional knowledge or traditional cultural expressions should be non-binding and support a balanced, flexible and measured-based approach. While we acknowledge the importance that some Member States place on providing room for discussions on genetic resources under the IGC mandate for the biennium 2026-2027, the EU and its Member States reiterate that normative work on genetic resources falls under the competency of the future Assembly of the GRATK Treaty. Therefore, as reflected in the draft mandate for 2026-2027, discussions on genetic resources within the IGC should solely focus on non-normative work, such as on exchanges of experiences and good practices among Members States, as well as information sessions concerning national legislations in force in relation to the protection of genetic resources.

4. Chair, let me reiterate our commitment to engage constructively in the work of this Committee. We are ready to agree to the proposed IGC mandate for the 2026/2027 biennium and look forward to actively participating in the three IGC sessions that will take place under the new mandate.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 16

Lisbon System

Doc. LI/A/42/1 and LI/A/42/2

Chair,

1. The European Union and its Member States welcome the continuous enlargement of the membership of the Geneva Act since the last session of the Lisbon Assembly. We encourage other WIPO members to consider joining the Geneva Act and to thereby extend the use of this effective legal instrument to register and to protect appellations of origin and geographical indications at multilateral and international level. In order to enable the WIPO International Bureau managing the Lisbon International Registry to accommodate the needs of a growing membership, and to support and promote new accessions as well as an increasing number of registrations, we reiterate our view that it is desirable to allocate appropriate resources – both human and financial – to the Lisbon Registry in order to manage both the new applications received and the technical assistance and capacity building initiatives to be provided to WIPO members in the framework of the promotion of the Lisbon System.
2. The EU and its Member States have continued to make progress in the implementation of their membership in the Lisbon system under the Geneva Act. We have also filed further applications for the international registration of GIs since the last Assembly of the Lisbon Union and will continue to do so in the future. We continue to believe that the Lisbon system, and particularly the Geneva Act, is the unique and effective system at the multilateral level for all WIPO members to register and protect appellations of origin and geographical indications already registered at the national or regional level, helping them to secure, defend, and promote these designations.
3. We are particularly pleased to inform the Assembly about the imminent entry into application of the Regulation on the protection of geographical indications for craft and industrial products (Regulation (EU) 2023/2411). As of 1 December 2025, it will allow craft and industrial products to fully benefit from EU-wide geographical indications protection. The Regulation allows producers to prevent the use of protected names for similar products made outside the designated geographical areas, helping them fight counterfeits both online and offline.

Additionally, the GI scheme enables EU producers to seek international protection for their GIs, and it also allows non-EU producers to apply for protection if they meet the same requirements.

4. We are also pleased to inform the Assembly that the new Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 updates and better defines the Union legal framework for wine, spirit drinks and agriculture geographical indications.
5. We welcome the proposed amendments to the Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement as recommended by the Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System for adoption by this Assembly. We are confident that these amendments will increase clarity and legal certainty regarding the procedures under the Lisbon System. We are looking forward to continuing our discussions at the next session of the Working Group, on the proposed amendments to Rules 9 to 12 of the Common Regulations and stand ready to discuss any other proposals that may be made subsequently. To this effect, we would welcome a document by the Secretariat presenting some elements of reflection and possible options for future work.
6. Finally, we can also endorse the invitation of the Secretariat by the Working Group to prepare a document on the procedures relating to additional requirements under Article 7(4) of the Geneva Act and Rule 5(3) of the Common Regulations, including background information and possible options. However, we would like to note that such a reflection paper will not commit the Lisbon members to a specific outcome, in particular if a modification of key elements of the Lisbon System should be considered.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 20

Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System

Doc A/66/8

Chair,

1. I am delivering this statement on behalf of the EU and its Member States, as well as Iceland, Norway, Monaco, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.
2. These aligned Member States thank the WIPO Secretariat for the report on the Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System, as contained in document A/66/8, mandated by the decision of the 65th Assemblies of WIPO (WIPO A/65/7), to continue WIPO's close cooperation with Ukraine to ensure ongoing support and assistance to the Ukrainian IP ecosystem and to provide an updated assessment of the medium- and long-term impacts of the Russian war of aggression on Ukraine's innovation and creativity sector and ecosystem.
3. For over three years we have repeatedly called on Russia to immediately stop its unprovoked and unjustified invasion against Ukraine that has led to an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, loss of lives and humanitarian tragedy, severe destruction and damage of civilian infrastructure. For over three years, we have heard Russia accuse others of politicising WIPO discussions and raising matters that are irrelevant to the work of this organisation. The report that we are discussing today leaves no doubt about the profound negative impact of the Russian war of aggression on the functioning of the Ukrainian IP ecosystem. It will take years, perhaps decades, if not longer, for the Ukrainian economy to return to its pre-war trajectory. The Ukrainian economy, which today is being at the level of less than 70% of the pre-war time, will require grand resources and enormous efforts to rebuild and recover. It is even more challenging to imagine how long it would take and how much investment would be needed to get back on the growth path that the Ukraine economy enjoyed before the war. We demand that Russia immediately stop its illegal, unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine, withdraw its troops from the whole territory and cease all violations of international law.

4. As evidenced by the report, the war has caused human tragedy, unprecedented rise in poverty among the Ukrainian population, and civilian infrastructure damage estimated at an unimaginable volume of 176 billion US dollars. The destruction of almost 500 cultural, scientific and educational sites reported by UNESCO will undeniably have a negative impact on the Ukrainian IP ecosystem development in a short, medium and long term. The reported loss of over 150 scientists, including women and young talents, due to the ongoing Russian war of aggression against Ukraine is beyond estimation. That is why Russia and its leadership must be held fully accountable for waging a war of aggression against Ukraine and for other most serious crimes under international law, as well as for the massive damage caused by its war.
5. The outflow of human capital, evidenced by the report, and intensified by internal displacement of the population and external migration, continues to challenge the IP ecosystem development in Ukraine. Fear is a big enemy of creativity and innovation. The ongoing Russian attacks against Ukrainian cities and civilians have been a constant source of peoples' fear for the lives of their loved ones. For these reasons they were forced to flee their own country and for these reasons they cannot continue enjoying their normal life.
6. We express our continued and unwavering support for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. Based on some positive signs regarding IP filings, as observed in the report, we express our respect and admiration for the determination and persistence of the Ukrainian innovators and creators, who, despite extremely difficult conditions, do not give up on their activities and continue to contribute to the growth of their economy and IP globally.
7. Likewise, we express satisfaction over the reported resilience of the Ukrainian IP institutions to preserve core functions, expand services and adapt to the new environment. We recognise these efforts and shall continue to support the recovery of the Ukrainian economy and IP ecosystem. We express our satisfaction over the dynamic growth of the agro-food, medtech, as well as ICT and digital sectors in Ukraine. We express satisfaction over the synergic cooperation between WIPO and EU institutions, especially the EUIPO in assisting Ukrainian SMEs and various groups of IP stakeholders.

8. The EU and its Member States recognise and welcome all the activities undertaken by WIPO aimed at strengthening the institutional architecture of the Ukrainian IP ecosystem and delivering concrete and result oriented assistance to various groups of IP stakeholders. We also value all activities aimed at strengthening the resilience of the Ukrainian institutions and strengthening their ability to participate in international projects and initiatives.
9. The positive signs evidenced by the report confirm WIPO's work and efforts are timely, needed and important. That is why the EU and its Member States express our gratitude to WIPO for all the projects carried out, for the continued assistance and support by WIPO for Ukraine's innovation and creativity sector and intellectual property system.
10. We look forward to the updated assessment of the medium- and long- term impacts of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine on Ukraine's innovation and creativity sector and intellectual property system at the next year's WIPO General Assemblies.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 24

Closing of the Sessions

Chair,

1. Denmark is honored to take the floor on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.
2. Chair, we express our gratitude to you for your tireless efforts in guiding our work during these sessions of WIPO Assemblies. We also thank the Director General, the Senior Management and the Secretariat for preparing and advancing these series of meetings.
3. The successful outcomes of these Assemblies were achieved through the flexibility shown by regional groups and delegations. We express our sincere appreciation to all who contributed and reaffirm our dedication to ongoing work within WIPO.
4. In particular, we appreciate the mindset and constructive spirit of the Member States that led to the resolution of the outstanding issues of the Program of Work and Budget for 2026/27. With great interest and hopes, we are looking forward to substantial results of the newly adopted program and budget.
5. We are pleased to see the commitment to continued work in different WIPO Bodies and Committees. The EU and its Member States welcome the renewal of the IGC mandate for 2026/2027.
6. This year we achieved concrete outcome as regards the normative agenda. Member States adopted a new Design Law Treaty through constructive negotiations at the diplomatic conference held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
7. The EU and its Member States also welcome WIPO's continued assistance to Ukraine's innovation and creativity sector and its IP system which is impacted significantly by the Russian aggression.

8. Mr. Chair, the EU and its Member States remain committed to work constructively together with Member States to assist WIPO in further developing an efficient and balanced IP ecosystem for the benefit of all. In conclusion, we once again thank all delegations for their constructive engagement and wish all capital-based delegates a safe journey home.

Thank you, Chair.
