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Delegations will find attached the final EU/Member States statements delivered at the above-mentioned WIPO meeting.

**48th and 49th session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property
and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)**

Geneva, 29 November 2024 and 2 - 6 December 2024

Opening Statement

Madam Chair,

1. On behalf of the European Union and its Member States, let me first [congratulate you] and your Vice Chairs on your [(re-)]election. We would also like to thank the Secretariat for preparing this session, including for the update of the technical review of key intellectual property-related issues of the WIPO draft instruments on genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions within the framework of indigenous human rights (document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/49/INF/8).
2. As regards any international instrument on traditional knowledge or traditional cultural expressions, we consider that the topic would require further discussions, as many points appear not sufficiently mature. We remain, of course, ready to engage in these discussions and to share our views on the preferred wording as regards the articles. In any instance, 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 measures-based approach.
3. Madam Chair, you can count on the EU and its Member States to stay committed to engaging constructively in further work on traditional knowledge or traditional cultural expressions.

Thank you.
