

**62<sup>nd</sup> SERIES OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF WIPO**

**Statement by the delegation of**

**the Republic of POLAND**

Mr. Chair,

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

We extend our thanks to you, Mr. Chair, and your Vice-Chairs for guiding us through these Assemblies. We also note and highly appreciate unwavering commitment on the part of Director General, the Senior Management Team and the Secretariat who made it possible to convene this series of meetings.

Despite the impact of the pandemic, WIPO's progress in its valuable work was not stopped. Quite the opposite, the Organisation's global IP services and activities quickly moved forward. Polish delegation welcomes WIPO's new Program of Work and Budget. We are pleased to see an impressive number of new initiatives and programmes aimed at raising awareness about IP especially for SMEs.

"I was taught that the way of progress is neither swift nor easy". These are not my words. I quote Polish great scientist Madam Marie Skłodowska-Curie. Today, we are experiencing rapid advances in new technologies which may not be easy for everyone but the fact is that transition is happening in a swift manner. Thus in our view, WIPO should continue to be a leading global forum for the exchange of ideas and knowledge in this field.

Last but not least, Polish delegation wishes to highlight the great assistance and continued support of the WIPO Regional and National Sector and the Division for Transition and Developed Countries' team. We look forward to making our collaboration even closer, and our activities on new ideas and projects becoming even more dynamic.

To conclude, Poland would like to reaffirm its readiness to continue the successful cooperation with WIPO on the development of international IP system, innovation and creativity to the benefit of economic, social and cultural development of all countries.

With this in mind, we look forward to a constructive meeting of the General Assemblies.

Thank you for your kind attention.