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Honourable Chair

Director General,

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

On behalf of the Republic of San Marino, I would like to begin by sincerely thanking the Director General and the whole WIPO team for making the Assemblies of the member States possible during these still challenging times.

We would also like to thank the Organization and personally Mr Daren Tang for their continued support and fruitful co-operation and to congratulate the Director General on his achievements during his mandate.

We are also particularly grateful for WIPO's support in some new and ambitious projects. We are looking forward to sharing them with to you soon, with the aim to develop the industrial system of our country in the frame of this international Organization.

San Marino started its activity in Intellectual Property more that 20 years ago. In these years our national Office has grown thanks also to the important IT support of WIPO. However, we still have a long road ahead of us in terms of competences and services that we want to strengthen.

Moreover, San Marino is taking concrete steps for an association agreement with the UE, wishing to enlarge the border of the market and have a complete, adequate and reliable intellectual property system.

These are the main reasons why our Country has asked for the support of WIPO in the implementation of a new IT infrastructure, in the implementation of sophisticated services

for the evaluation of intangible assets and in writing a new law for copyright, after the signature of San Marino of the Berne Convention.

I would also like to renew our commitment to support WIPO in all its activities.

Intellectual property is an important tool for development and growth. It pushes research and development, ultimately helping us all to find new solutions to new challenges. This is particularly true in a period characterized by a pandemic and energy, climate and food crises which are strongly connected to the war in Ukraine.

In this perspective, allow me to express my Country's solidarity with Ukraine and support the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of Ukraine. We condemn Russia's invasion and appeal to both parties of the conflict to find a peaceful solution through diplomatic channels.

In conclusion, I would like to express once again our support to WIPO. We remain committed to cooperating with the Organization and other member countries for the success of WIPO, which represents a central multilateral institution for the development and promotion of an intellectual property protection system worldwide.

Thank you.