

Statement of the Delegation of Ukraine
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Thank you Madam Chair,

The Ukrainian Delegation expresses gratitude to the Secretariat and distinguished delegates for their dedicated efforts to present the Proposed Program and Budget for the 2024-2025 biennium. We would also like to extend our appreciation to Madam Chair for her leadership in guiding our deliberations.

At the same time, Ukraine would like to disassociate itself from the consensus on the approval of the budget of the External Office in Moscow. We will continue to look very closely at the activities of the office in the future in order to not allow the aggressor state to exploit WIPO resources and global IP services to justify and support Russian military aggression against Ukraine.

We remain of the opinion that the non-personnel budget allocated to the Moscow office is inflated, and we urge the Secretariat and member states to exercise caution in the distribution of these funds.

We advocate for continuous monitoring and swift response to the allocation of this budget, particularly in light of the ongoing war of aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

We wish to place on record our concerns and reiterate our firm stance on the WIPO External Office in the Russian Federation, emphasizing the imperative of its closure.

A country which blatantly violates WIPO principles and its statutory obligations does not deserve the privilege to host a WIPO Office.

Thank you, Madam Chair.