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General Statement

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Your Excellency, distinguished Chair,
Honorable Ministers, Your Excellencies,
Permanent Representatives, Distinguished Delegates,

This is our first time Georgian delegation is taking the floor as a member state of CEBS group. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all member states of CEBS for the warm welcome. We believe that our new platform will give us better opportunities for development on Georgia's European way. In the meantime this delegation would like to thank member states of CACEEC group for the longstanding cooperation and we believe to continue our cooperate in a same constructive manner.

In the name of the Georgian delegation I would like to express gratitude towards WIPO for its efforts in the further strengthening of the IPR protection system in the world.

Let me express my appreciation to Mr. Gurry and emphasize that the visit of the WIPO Director General to Georgia spread a very important signal to the whole Georgian society on the importance of protection and respect of the IPR in the country. I do appreciate WIPO's invaluable contribution which is determinant of substantial progress achieved in the development of the intellectual property protection system in Georgia.

Georgian Delegation acknowledges that WIPO's work strengthened the capabilities of national patent offices and would like to express the gratitude to the WIPO Secretariat for continuing implementation of the development related programs. Namely, we would like to thank WIPO for its assistance in facilitation of the drafting a long-term national IP strategy as well as for its valuable contribution in establishment of the IP Academy in Georgia for further capacity building in the field of intellectual property.

This delegation would like to express its appreciation for the work and efforts invested by the WIPO secretariat and member countries in the adoption of a New Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and Their International Registration. We are convinced that the adoption of a single instrument covering protection of both appellations of origin and geographical indications will make it more attractive for users and prospective new member states.

We would like to refer to the successfully brokered agreement on a package of decisions on the work program of the WIPO Standards (CWS), Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT), Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR), Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP) and welcome the results for the substantial work that committees have carried out.

Additionally, I would like to bring to your attention the issue of Georgian representation at WIPO. As till now Georgia is not represented among the WIPO staff, I would like to reconfirm the strongest interest of the Georgian Government in this particular issue. Let me assure you that the Georgian IP office has the human capacity to meet the requirements of the WIPO and be duly represented in the organization.

Since Georgia is a part of the WIPO family, we are fully motivated and committed to proceed further on the way of improvements and develop effective intellectual property protection system in the world.

Let me conclude by extending my gratitude to all delegations represented here for the very intensive engagement and the extraordinary commitment to finding solutions to the outstanding items.

Thank you, Chair.