



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA  
AGENDA ITEM 5: GENERAL STATEMENT**

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Mr. Chairman,

Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved President Tran Dai Quang. It is a great loss not only to Vietnam, but to Malaysia as well.

2. Malaysia congratulates you on your assumption of the chairmanship of the current WIPO Assemblies. We are fully confident that you and your Bureau will steer our work to a successful outcome. We commend the Secretariat for the excellent preparation for these Assemblies.

3. Malaysia sincerely appreciates the dedication and hard work by Director General Francis Gurry in leading our Organisation. We thank him for the 2017 report, which again illustrates WIPO's exceptional performance in global IP development in a balanced manner, consistent with the Agenda 2030 pledge of leaving no one behind.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Malaysia aligns itself with the statements of the ASEAN and Asia-Pacific Group as delivered by Indonesia.

5. In Malaysia, developing a stronger innovation and IP ecosystem continues to be one of our national priorities. We highly appreciate the collaboration and assistance from WIPO in the implementation of our IP-related programs. We are currently enhancing our National IP Policy to embrace new and emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and robotics.

6. At the same time, the IP management and commercialization of our universities and research institutions through the Enabling IP Environment (EIE) and Technology and Innovation Support Centres (TISC) continue to be enhanced. Our IP awareness programmes are also focused on assisting youth and women in IP-based entrepreneurship.

7. In conjunction with our National IP Day celebration earlier this month, outstanding Malaysian inventors and innovators were awarded medals from WIPO, in addition to the awards by the Malaysian Government. The 2018 GII ranks Malaysia second among upper-middle income countries and 35<sup>th</sup> overall. We aspire to achieve greater heights.

8. Malaysia is happy to be engaged by WIPO and the Government of Sweden in organising technological capacity building programmes for Least Developed Countries (LDCs). These programmes have been successful in providing participants with practical aspects of the utilization and promotion of IP in the innovation process. A follow-up programme will again be held in Malaysia from 28 October to 2 November 2018.

Mr. Chairman,

9. In relation to the ongoing WIPO normative work, Malaysia looks forward to the finalization of a legal instrument on Genetic Resources (GR). We call for expeditious narrowing of gaps on the core issues related to Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCEs) in the Intergovernmental Committee (IGC).

10. As for the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR), we wish to see its work accelerated in the area of exceptions and limitations for libraries and archives, education and research institutions and persons with disabilities as contained in the Action Plans adopted during the Committee's 36<sup>th</sup> Session. The Marrakesh Treaty is a good example where harmonized exceptions are employed to allow cross-border access of materials for visually impaired persons. Malaysia is taking concrete steps to accede to this Treaty. We thank WIPO for the support to our National Seminar in August 2018.

Mr. Chairman,

11. Good governance and common ownership is crucial for the continued success of WIPO. In this respect, we view the work of the Program and Budget Committee (PBC) and Coordination Committee (CoCo) and their composition should equitably reflect the growing membership and interest in WIPO. Malaysia strongly supports the expansion of these two Committees as proposed by the Asia-Pacific Group, and hopes there will be concrete outcomes during these Assemblies.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Geneva, Switzerland**  
**24 September 2018**