



**STATEMENT OF VIET NAM**  
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*Mr. Chair,*

On behalf of the Vietnamese Delegation, I wish to express our appreciation to Ambassador Omar Zniber and the Vice-Chairs, for their able leadership in steering the General Assembly works forward despite the challenging circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our heartfelt thanks go to Director General Francis Gurry and the Secretariat for their hard work during this difficult time.

*Mr. Chair,*

Viet Nam associates itself with the statements by ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific Group.

1. Viet Nam highly appreciates the sound performance of WIPO in many areas and the achievements of the strategic goals of the Organization and well note the positive outcomes in various Committees as well as the institutional and governance improvements in WIPO. In this regard, we look forward to further progress in the realm of the international normative setting concerning DLT and IGC.

2. Despite the unprecedented challenges and severe disruption posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Viet Nam has witnessed positive developments in the intellectual property field. There were 45,404 IP applications processed in the first eight-months of 2020, growing 7.2% over the same period last year. Industrial property protection titles have increased by 26.8%, of which the number of exclusive patent licenses granted increased by 86.9%.

3. Viet Nam also commenced the implementation of the Hague system on international registration for industrial designs. It has been nearly 9 months since the date on which the Hague Agreement took effect with respect to Viet Nam and IP Viet Nam has already received approximately 100 applications designating Viet Nam.

4. As for the implementation of National IP Strategy, relevant Ministries and Agencies have all issued specific plans. Most projects supported by WIPO are being implemented effectively, adapted to the new situation, such as WIPO IPAS, Digitization, EIE Project, TISC. Furthermore, Viet Nam has made great efforts to promote innovation and continues to maintain the 42nd place out of 131 economies around the world in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2020.

5. Our IP achievements are possible thanks to, among others, the timely and effective service of WIPO over the past years. And once again, we reiterate our appreciations to Director General Francis Gurry and the WIPO Secretariat for their invaluable support and assistance to Viet Nam, not only from the significant technical assistance in Viet Nam's National IP Strategy, accession to the Hague System, but also in the deployment of projects supported by WIPO. We remain committed to our partnership with WIPO in the years to come.

6. On this occasion, we would like to reiterate our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Daren Tang on his appointment and in the road ahead as Director General of the organization.

Viet Nam is confident that the WIPO leadership will continue to steer and guide the organization in a transparent and inclusive manner, while maintaining a balance between fostering innovation and furthering WIPO's Development Agenda, including equitable and affordable access for all to vaccines and tools of Covid-19 response. Viet Nam has great hopes that WIPO's future programs will continue to ensure that the global intellectual property regime contributes to the social, economic, and cultural development of its members. From this perspective, we look forward to significant progress in the various substantive and governance issues that have been long pending in the various Committees of the organization.

We wish the 61th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO a great success!

*Thank you, Mr. Chair!*