

**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA  
AT THE 62<sup>ND</sup> SERIES OF MEETINGS OF  
THE ASSEMBLIES OF WIPO MEMBER STATES  
4-8 OCTOBER 2021**

**GENERAL STATEMENT**

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

Malaysia aligns itself with the statements delivered by the Delegation of Bangladesh on behalf of the Asia Pacific Group (APG) and the delegation of the Philippines on behalf of ASEAN.

2. Mr. Chair, Malaysia is pleased to see you at the helm of this important Assembly and is confident that your able leadership will lead us to a fruitful meeting. We also commend the Secretariat for their excellent work in preparing for this meeting.

3. Malaysia appreciates the Director General's detailed report on the performance of the Organisation. We are encouraged to see that WIPO continues to perform exceptionally well under his leadership, despite the challenges faced due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Malaysia is delighted to know that WIPO has continued to deliver a strong financial performance and increase in its net assets for 2020.

4. Malaysia looks forward to the implementation of the five-year Medium-Term Strategic Plan, which aims to ensure that IP acts as a powerful catalyst for jobs, investment, economic development and social vibrancy. It is our hope that the MTSP will contribute effectively to assist Member States in rebuilding our economies as we are preparing to move towards opening our borders. In Malaysia, SMEs are the backbone of the economy, representing 97 per cent of overall business establishments. 85 per cent of Malaysia's SMEs are in the service sectors. Therefore, it is a priority for us to assist our SMEs to leverage IP in strengthening and expanding their businesses.

5. We welcome the trilateral cooperation between WIPO, World Health Organization and World Trade Organization towards overcoming the pandemic and rebuilding the economy. Malaysia supports WIPO's stance in vaccine equity and hopes that this cooperation will enhance the cooperation and practical coordination between these important organisations, particularly on issues related to public health, IP and trade during the pandemic and beyond.

6. Malaysia takes note of the work of SCCR and encourages SCCR to continue its work on limitations and exceptions, as well as protection of broadcasting organisation and other matters, in particular, analysis of copyright related to the digital environment.

7. With regard to the IGC, Malaysia expresses our support to renew the mandate of the IGC for the biennium 2022/2023. We also encourage the participation of indigenous people and local communities in the work of the committee to ensure a constructive discussion with the hope that some concrete conclusions could be derived among the Member States.

8. On behalf of my delegation, let me reiterate our appreciation on WIPO's commendable work and we look forward to continuing the effective cooperation with and assistance from WIPO in the coming years.

Thank you.

**Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO)**  
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