**STATEMENT BY THE HEAD OF THE NEPALI
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Mr. Chair,
Mr. Director General
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates

At the outset, Nepal aligns with the statement of the Asia-Pacific Group.

My delegation congratulates the Director General Mr. Daren Tang for the successful completion of the first year and appreciates his efficient stewardship to the organization during these trying times. We thank him for the presentation of the report of activities over the past year. We also take note of new strategic direction for WIPO with Medium-term Strategic Plan (2022-2026) highlighted in the report.

Mr. Chair

The COVID-19 pandemic has reversed our hard-earned achievements made so far and has threatened the timely achievement of SDGs. We underline the need for international collaboration in fulfilling the technology gaps, innovation and capacity building support as well as equitable access to vaccination as a global public good to collectively fight against the pandemic. We call for WIPO's special support to the developing countries, in particular the LDCs, towards fulfilling global goals.

We also take encouraging note of the trilateral cooperation between the WHO, WIPO and WTO towards implementing the sustainable and integrated solutions to public health challenges including their commitments to the universal, equitable access to vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other health technologies.

Mr. Chair

There are some of the longstanding issues, such as global norm-setting of Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore as well as the Broadcasting Organization Treaty and Design Law treaty. We give emphasis on enhanced efforts towards resolving these issues.

To conclude Mr. Chair, my delegation wishes for the successful conclusion of the WIPO Assemblies.

I thank you!