



**Kingdom of Eswatini**

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**ESWATINI DELEGATION**

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Chair,

The delegation of the Kingdom of Eswatini aligns itself with the statement of the African Group, delivered on behalf of the Group by the delegation of Algeria. We appreciate the report delivered by the Director General. We appreciate the hard work of the various Committees of the organisation, in which we are increasingly engaging ourselves and observing whether the intended purposes for their establishment and ambitious potentials are attained.

We are particularly appreciative of the recent occasion of hosting the inaugural joint WIPO-ARIPO Heads of IP Offices Conference for ARIPO Member States; a lot of opportunities and potentials were identified for propelling the region to one that purposefully harnesses the benefits of IP administration and value-creation from sustainable and organic Member States' cooperation and collaboration. It is our distinguished honour to have had the Director Generals of the two organisations partake meaningfully in the discussions and deliberations in Eswatini.

We appreciate the work of the Secretariat in continuing to carry out its technical assistance mandate. Eswatini has received technical assistance supporting the review of our IP regulatory framework to ensure that the legislative and policy environment is compatible with our needs. This is one of the topmost priorities as we continue to develop and maintain a robust IP regulatory environment that supports innovation and creativity.

The most recent technical assistance coincided with our deliberate efforts for a holistic review and operationalisation of our IP laws. We are in the process of establishing institutions that will foster efficient copyright administration and empower Emaswati to leverage copyright for their economic and cultural benefit. We are also indebted for the assistance with training in empirical understanding of the impact and contribution of copyright to our economy and industries.

Through WIPO and its alliances and networks, we also received support for the automation of the administration of the IP system. We have concluded a critical milestone in the process and are evaluating our options of the best trajectory for moving forward. This process will help us to automate IP administration and achieve efficiencies in IP administration and commercialization while eliminating bottleneck which have historically tended to discourage the very creativity and innovation they were designed to enrich.

We thank you.