

Statement of the Delegation of Ukraine under Agenda Item 13 (iii)
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Dear Chair,

The Ukrainian Delegation thanks the Secretariat for the preparation of the report of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications.

Ukraine aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Distinguished Delegation of Poland on the behalf of CEBS Group.

The work of the Committee shows us a great impact on the development of trademarks, industrial designs and geographical indications.

During its meetings since 2017 the Ukrainian delegation addressed different WIPO platforms and mechanisms repeatedly on the issue of false indications in the applicants' addresses the Russian Federation as the addresses of applicants from the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine violating the United Nations common position on the territorial integrity of Ukraine.

In view of the clear territorial scope of trademarks, designs and geographical indications, we are requesting that as regards to the IP rights and WIPO global services, Ukraine's internationally recognized borders should be fully respected and any IP right with the holder's address at temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine should be marked as “Ukraine” as a country of origin.

Indication of addresses of applicants from the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine as addresses of applicants from the Russian Federation is a serious violation of the provisions of UN General Assembly resolutions on respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders adopted in response to the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

It is not the first time we see a clear disregard and disrespect by Russia to the internationally established WIPO system to cover and justify their political aims.

We are convinced that WIPO and its Member States will stand along with Ukraine and can take jointly immediate corrective actions to prove its effectiveness and respect of IP rights and international law.

I thank you, Dear Chair!