GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE at the Fifty-First Series of Meetings of the WIPO Assemblies

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the WIPO Secretariat for all its efforts and the work performed during the year as well as preparation of numerous documents for these Meetings of the WIPO Assemblies.

Ukraine acknowledges significant gains of the World Intellectual Property Organization in the sphere of development of sustainable and accessible international system of intellectual property, strengthening of the world system of intellectual property legal protection as well as promoting efficient worldwide use of intellectual property by ensuring stable and well-balanced cooperation between different countries and regions.

We consider efforts of the World Intellectual Property Organization aimed at professional development of its employees and improvement of existing system as a very important step from the side of Organization. Moreover, it is worth mentioning the constant increasing of the number of WIPO publications available in different languages.

It should also be noted that the Ukrainian delegation is fully satisfied by the results of fruitful work of all WIPO committees.

We support the proposal of WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights to continue discussion of important issues in the sphere of protection of rights of broadcasting and cablecasting organizations, on limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives as well as on consideration of the text of document aimed at the development of appropriate international legal instrument concerning limitations and exceptions for educational and research and development establishments.

The delegation of Ukraine considers as the great success the adoption in June of this year of the international Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled. The adoption of the mentioned Treaty will permit a large number of disabled people to perceive printed information, to have the opportunity to perceive the world through the access to a huge massive of printed literature as well as to feel themselves like educated productive members of the modern society.

The Ukrainian delegation would like to make a proposal for WIPO to develop the brochures, including electronic ones, explaining the advantages of accession to the Beijing and Marrakesh Treaties. As Russian is one of the official languages of WIPO, such brochures could be translated into this language for the dissemination in the course of further public dialogue on improvement of protection of rights of audiovisual performers. Ukraine supports the work of Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore. In view of the fact that traditional knowledge generally is critical for economic development of the number of regions of our continent we believe that it is necessary to carry on the activities on the development of international instruments which will permit genetic resources and traditional knowledge to become an important element of economic inter-relations.

Moreover, Ukraine expects the further fruitful work in framework of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property as we considers it as a platform for global discussions and implementation of substantive steps with the purpose of well-balanced development of intellectual property system.

We voice a hope that WIPO will be actively supporting the development of the national intellectual property institutions in developing countries and countries in transition in the future with the purpose of establishing equal partnership between all member-states of WIPO. In this regard let us express our sincere gratitude for the provided assistance on implementation of the first steps in the course of development of fundamental draft of the National intellectual property strategy of Ukraine. We wish to express our appreciation particularly to the Director of the Department for Transition and Developed Countries of WIPO – Dr. Michal Svantner for efficient and fruitful cooperation aimed at effective implementation of projects and programs for our region.

Moreover, let us express our gratitude to the Secretariat of WIPO for provided assistance in organization of joint seminars and conferences during which the important and actual issues for IP community are raised. We also would like to extend our appreciation particularly for joint organization of WIPO Summer School on Intellectual Property. Ukraine pays extra attention to the issues on improvement of education quality in the sphere of intellectual property and express a hope for supporting efforts aimed at implementation of certain educational programs in IP sphere.

To this end, we would like to wish to all of us fruitful and effective work during the Fifty-First Series of Meetings of WIPO Assemblies.