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*In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful*

**Mr. President,**

I would like to congratulate you for your election as the President of WIPO General Assembly. I would also like to express my thanks to Mr. Gurry, Director General of the Organization and the Secretariat, for their selfless efforts to promote the intellectual property rights by adopting development oriented programs in line with the goals of the Organization.

**Mr. President,**

Today, which is the age of information and communication technology, the intellectual property enjoys a better status than the past. Although, the communication development has made the access to innovations and world data banks much easier for the stakeholders, the infringement of rights has also been facilitated. Therefore, it is worthy that the world is propelled to dynamism, by

considering the capacity of the States, their level of development, the balance between rights and obligations and the codification of normative rules in line with the common interests of the Member States, whether developed or developing, because the objective of knowledge growth and innovation development is to provide social and economic welfare and ultimately to serve the man.

**Mr. President,**

As regards the External Offices, Islamic Republic of Iran believes that the decisions for the establishment of such offices must be taken without any discrimination and on the basis of equitable and geographical distribution and in a transparent manner. We maintain that the decisions for the establishment of External Offices must be taken fully according to the principles elaborated in the Guiding Principles and General Assembly decision. Considering the appropriate capacities in the field of intellectual property, Islamic Republic of Iran have proposed that a WIPO external office to be established in Tehran. We invite Member States to give due consideration to the proposal submitted by the I.R of Iran.

**Mr. President**

Concerning Design Law Treaty, we are of the conviction that technical assistance and capacity building should be a part of the DLT in the form of a legally binding provision. Furthermore, my delegation supports the proposal for the inclusion of a disclosure requirement in the draft of DLT. I would like to reiterate our position that the outstanding issues should be concluded before convening a Diplomatic Conference.

**Mr. President,**

I would like to express my gratitude to CDIP for defining and codifying the development-oriented programs and projects. As emphasized in the last Assembly as well as the previous meetings, WIPO's DA recommendations should be constantly mainstreamed into all WIPO activities especially in the agenda of standing and provisional committees so that in an early future we can see the development, transfer and dissemination of technology among the Member States especially in developing countries.

**Mr. President,**

I would like to express my pleasure of the revision of Lisbon Agreement, emphasizing that the financial matters concerning this Agreement should be dealt with in such a way that it doesn't impede the countries specially the developing countries– which are the main targets of this revision – from accession to it.

As to the Intergovernmental Committee of Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, according to the Work Program for biennium (2016-2017), this Committee should make endeavor to reach a conclusion on the subject matters under discussion in the agenda, deciding on the unresolved issues and providing a factual report to the General Assembly of 2017 so that it can decide, based on the progress made in the Committee, on whether to convene a diplomatic conference or continue negotiation. Although no desirable results have yet been achieved in this Committee, it is hoped that within the limited deadline, these negotiations will lead to draft international legal instruments and pave the way for convening the diplomatic conference.

Islamic Republic of Iran firmly believes that the continuous success in norm setting activities in all WIPO Committees especially SCCR, SCP, SCT, CWS and etc. is subject to defining and codifying a balanced agenda and contains the interests of all Member States and this is the only way out of impasse in some areas. The Delegation of I.R.I has some views on the present assembly agenda which will be expressed in detail in the related agendas.

**Mr. President,**

Islamic Republic of Iran has taken a number of steps over the last year for the promotion and protection of intellectual property rights in the country of which the most important are as follows:

- Revision of the laws and regulations related to intellectual property rights;
- Commemoration of IP Day and opening up the receiving office for filing international applications under PCT;
- Commencing the implementation of the biennium project for the establishment of Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) ;
- Organizing several national training workshops and seminars in the various fields of IP rights in cooperation with the related national entities.

In conclusion, I wish the success and achievement of fruitful results for these meetings, and I would like to highlight that the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran will be engaged actively and constructively in the discussions of the matters on the agenda of the General Assembly and will express its position in detail in the relevant meetings.

**I thank you very much**