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Mr/Mrs Chairman

Your excellency Director General

Your Excellences

Let me start by presenting you our congratulation for your election as chair of the General Assembly.

Allow me also to express my sincere thanks to the Director General Mr Francis Gurry for his fundamental leadership and the excellent results achieved in the years of his guidance.

On behalf of the Republic of San Marino, I express our commitments to supporting WIPO in all activities; we consider the strengthening of an innovation ecosystem as a matter of vital importance for the world economic development, especially in time of pandemic crisis like those we all are experiencing. This is of a particular importance also for a small country like San Marino.

The Ministry I lead is developing an economic progress plan called "San Marino 2030". We are collecting data and requests from the entire socio-economic stakeholders of the country and after the analysis we'll be able to outline the areas of greatest interest on which to base the economic development of San Marino in the near future and intellectual property will certainly be a field on which to work intensively.

We thanks the organization for its ongoing support for the IP system of San Marino, with particular gratitude for technical assistance from Wipo, with the implementation of Industrial Property Automation Assistance (IPAS) software and WIPO PUBLISH, and with the next coming implementation of WIPO FILE.

Our gratitude goes also to the cooperation in the organization of a recent event in San Marino, for promotion of the Hague System and Copyright treaties.

San Marino Government has taken several step to make IP assets a source of wealth creation, in this view, San Marino deposited in 2020 its instruments of accession for 4 treaties on copyright.

Next steps will be the adoption of a new legislative act on copyright, in order to implement the treaties recently signed and to assure the protection of works in the digital environment. In this regards we are confident the assistance and cooperation of WIPO will continue.

In view of the importance that San Marino tribute to human rights, we consider with a special satisfaction the signature of the Marrakesh Treaty on limitation and exceptions to copyright for persons with visual disabilities.

In conclusion, I would like to confirm the Republic of San Marino continuous support for the overall activities of WIPO and if it's possible the will is to improve and strengthen that relation for developing and promotion of an intellectual property protection system worldwide.

Thank you.