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**PROPOSAL ON ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE'S INNOVATION AND
CREATIVITY SECTOR AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SYSTEM**

submitted by 52 Member States

In a communication to the Secretariat received on July 11, 2022, 52 Member States submitted, the enclosed proposal in the framework of Agenda Item 19 "Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System".

[Annex follows]

Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System

The Assemblies of WIPO each in so far as it is concerned,

recalling

- a) The principles, purpose, and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;
- b) The desire expressed by the Contracting Parties to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) "to contribute to better understanding and cooperation among States for their mutual benefit on the basis of respect for their sovereignty and equality;" and
- c) The objective of WIPO, as enshrined in Article 3 of the above-mentioned Convention, "to promote the protection of intellectual property throughout the world through cooperation among States and, where appropriate, in collaboration with any other international organization;"

recalling further

- a) The United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-11/1 of March 2, 2022, on Aggression Against Ukraine, that deplores in the strongest terms the aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine in violation of Article 2 (4) of the Charter and urges the continued efforts by international organizations to support the de-escalation of the current situation; and
- b) The United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-11/2 of March 24, 2022, on Humanitarian Consequences of the Aggression Against Ukraine;

reaffirming

The sovereignty, independence, unity, and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, extending to its territorial waters;

deploring in this regard

The tragic loss of human life, as well as the impacts on Ukraine's infrastructure, its innovation and creativity sector and ecosystem, including innovative and creative businesses; universities, hospitals, laboratories and other research institutions and educational establishments; museums, libraries, archives and other cultural institutions; government institutions including intellectual property offices and support centers, that have occurred across Ukraine since the beginning of the war.

Request the International Bureau

1. To assess the immediate, medium- and long-term impacts of the war on Ukraine's innovation and creativity sector and ecosystem, including innovative and creative businesses; educational, research, and cultural institutions; government institutions responsible for protection and enforcement of intellectual property and Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs); as well as intellectual property filings in Ukraine by persons outside of Ukraine and filings worldwide by residents of Ukraine;

2. To initiate and maintain consultations with Ukraine on its particular needs with respect to its innovation and creativity sector and ecosystem, including intellectual property offices and TISCs;
3. Based on the aforementioned assessments and consultations, to implement technical assistance, legal assistance, capacity building, and other assistance for Ukraine as appropriate and as required for the restoration and rebuilding of Ukraine's intellectual property sector and ecosystem;
4. To allocate adequate financial and human resources, including through reallocation within the generally approved budget, for the implementation of the activities under item 3 above;
5. To take appropriate measures to ensure that intellectual property applicants from Ukraine, as well as the Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute, have access to the full range of WIPO's intellectual property services, including WIPO's Arbitration and Mediation Centre services, and are granted appropriate extensions, exemptions and other remedies as provided for in relevant WIPO treaties, rules and regulations, in connection with the current circumstances;
6. To report on the assessment, consultations, implementation and other activities under items 1-5 above at the next General Assembly.

Invite Member States

To take measures in accordance with applicable national and international laws and regulations, to assist intellectual property applicants from Ukraine in order to allow effective protection of their intellectual property, including intellectual property applicants that have been forced to relocate.

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