General Statement of the Republic of Korea for the 41st IGC

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Republic of Korea would like to express our appreciation for the Chair's unwavering support and dedication. We also extend our appreciation to the WIPO Secretariat for preparing this 41st IGC under difficult circumstances.

Mr. Chair,

The Republic of Korea recognizes the importance of protecting GRs, TK and TCEs, however, we believe that the protection of them should be designated in a balanced manner that does not create adverse effects on innovation and creativity.

Regarding agenda item 7, the Republic of Korea would like to convey our support for the replication of the current mandate with the technical updates for the next biennium of 2022-23.

The Republic of Korea stands ready to have constructive discussions with Member States for this important Committee.

Thank you.