

## **WIPO SCP/32 – Interventions from Canada**

### **Agenda item 1 – Opening statement**

Thank you, Chair.

Canada would like to take this opportunity to thank the Secretariat for its expert coordination and work organizing this hybrid session of the SCP, particularly given the challenging circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. We would also like to thank those Member delegates that have joined this meeting virtually for their commitment to continuing the constructive work of the SCP. Canada takes note of the positive engagement demonstrated by SCP Members in recent sessions, including the cross-regional coordination that has been so important to advancing the work of this Committee, and we look forward to continuing our discussions in the same collegial manner.

Mr. Chair, Canada looks forward to a constructive exchange on the balanced work program of topics on this week's SCP agenda, as well as the various sharing sessions scheduled this week. On that note, Canada is pleased to present this week on its Patent Register under the patents and health sharing session on initiatives on publicly accessible databases of patent status information concerning medicines and vaccines. Canada will also present on a number of recent patent-related developments in our domestic system, including in respect of COVID-19 under relevant agenda items. Indeed, Mr. Chair, Canada looks forward to exchanging views and practices with other Members on patent-related measures undertaken in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, and would like to thank the Secretariat for its hard work in compiling these measures in its COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker in this regard.

Finally, looking beyond the present session, Canada looks forward to rejoining the Secretariat and our SCP Member colleagues in Geneva, once public health officials deem it safe to do so, and to continued discussion and work on the balanced SCP agenda in the regular format.

Thank you.