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In the Name of God

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**Registration of Deeds and Properties of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
**before the 58<sup>th</sup> Session of WIPO General Assembly**  
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**Thank you Mr. Chair,**

My delegation expresses its warm congratulation to you and to your bureau for your deserved election. Let me also express my gratitude to Mr. Gurry, Director General and the Secretarirt, for thier invaluable efforts whthin the past year.

**Mr. Chair**

The protection and promotion of intellectual property rights remain a key priority for the Islamic Republic of Iran. In our increasingly knowledge-based economy, the protection of intellectual property is key for promoting innovation and creativity and improving competitiveness and growth. In this regard, I would like to recall the growth ranking

of our country in global IP system according to the WIPO annual statistics as well as the significant jumping in the Global Innovation Index (GII) ranking. My country is committed to develop a legal framework taking in to account the level of development so that we can take full advantage of its potential of innovation and intellectual assets.

**Mr.Chair**

With regard to the WIPO EO, my delegation is of the view that the decision for selection of the host countries shall be made in full conformity with the Guiding Principles and WIPO General Rules of Procedure. We also would like to recall that the decisions of all WIPO bodies and committees have always been made by consensus as WIPO's institutional norm.

The proposal to establish a WIPO EO in Iran is aimed at strengthening the global IP system and bringing benefit to the Central and the West Asian region where currently does not host any EO. We invite all Member States to give due consideration to our proposal, which is strictly in adherence with the Guiding Principles, in particular paragraphs 13 and 14. We are of the view that Member States needs more creative ideas which could provide space for all applicant countries in order to reach consensus.

**Mr. Chair**

The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that a system for the international recognition and protection of geographical indications constitute an important part of the IP system. Accordingly, we do hope that the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement will enter into force sooner rather than later given its key importance for protection of geographical indications.

On the issue of financial sustainability of the Lisbon System, we maintain that a way could be found to provide financial support to the Lisbon Union while securing full respect for the long-standing principles of solidarity and equality of treatment for each area of IP.

**Mr. Chair**

As regards to DLT, we believe that the completion of the discussion and the final decision on the issue require an inclusive approach, taking into account all parties' legitimate concerns. Bearing in mind the decision of the 2017 GA, we express stand ready to engage in a constructive discussion in order to overcome remaining differences namely articles on technical assistance and mandatory disclosure requirement. We look forward for a decision on this matter through consensus and to the satisfaction of all Member States.

**Mr. Chair**

In relation to IGC, while acknowledging the significant progress made on GR text, my delegation is deeply concerned over the destructive approaches of certain Member States which clearly contradicts both the basic principles of multilateralism and the mandate of the Committee.

**Mr. Chair**

On the issue of broadcasting treaty, we take note of the recommendation made by SCCR to the GA to consider appropriate action towards convening a diplomatic conference for the adoption of the draft treaty, subject to reaching consensus on fundamental issues. My delegation stands ready to continue consultation in this direction.

To conclude, I would like to highlight that my delegation will keep engaged actively and constructively in the discussions under each agenda item.

**Thank you.**