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Madam Chair, esteemed Director General, Your Excellences, honored representatives of Member States, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Republic of Serbia, Madam Chair, allow me to wish you success in presiding over the 63rd series of Assemblies of the WIPO.

Republic of Serbia expresses its gratitude to the Director General, Mr. Daren Tang and his team for the successful management of the WIPO from last GA until now. I would also like to take advantage of this opportunity to thank the WIPO Secretariat for the excellent preparation of the working documents and the overall organization of this important event.

With the support of the WIPO, Republic of Serbia commenced the new project titled “Study in Serbia on Creating Effective Links between the National Intellectual Property (IP) Strategies and the Innovation Ecosystem”. The project deals with effective links between Serbian national IP strategies and our economic and innovation system. As an outcome of the Project, a clear and comprehensive picture of Serbian innovation system shall arise, representing its advantages and disadvantages. We believe and we hope that shall help us to eventually use our IP more effectively for the sake of our overall economic growth.

In the course of the 2021 and 2022, Intellectual Property Office of Serbia has continued with excellent and productive cooperation with WIPO. To mention just a few of such examples. The officials from the IP Office and the other experts from my country actively took part at the consultation procedure regarding the new WIPO projects such as “Mapping and improving Services of the Intellectual Property Office in the Region”, “Intellectual Property, Small and Medium Enterprises and Access to Investment Funds”, “Project on the Food Industry”. We have successfully continued with the implementation of two bilateral cooperation agreements signed between the WIPO and the Office: “Agreement on Cooperation in the Development of Business Systems on the Improvement of the Electronic Systems of the Office” and “Agreement on Cooperation in the Promotion of the Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Field of Intellectual Property”. At the end of November 2021 virtual Workshop on Mediation was organized and attended by the mediators including competent judges – mediators.

Traditional International Conference on Innovations and Intellectual Property – TESLA FEST was held in October in Novi Sad with support of WIPO. At the celebration of the 101st year of the establishment of the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia, five WIPO medals have been awarded to our creative and innovative authors and inventors.

Together with the WIPO, in the course of the 2022, we have also successfully organized seminar on resale right. Serbian expert participates in WIPO’s seminar on trade secret that was extremely well attended in Serbia.

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Republic of Serbia let me express sincere thankfulness for the constant support that my country has enjoyed from the WIPO for years. We look forward to carrying on with our excellent cooperation.