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General statement of the Republic of Poland under Agenda item 5

Madam Chair,

The Polish delegation aligns itself with the opening statements made on behalf of the CEBS Group and the European Union.

We thank you, Madam Chair, Director General and the entire WIPO Team for your ongoing commitment throughout the past year and comprehensive preparation of these Assemblies.

Poland condemns the illegal and unprovoked Russian attack on sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine. Its serious consequences on Ukraine's IP and innovation system cannot be overlooked. Therefore, both WIPO's and our joint efforts in this process are indispensable. We express our solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.

Madam Chair,

We appreciate WIPO's programmes focused on SMEs, innovators and other stakeholders. We welcome the Organization's efforts to enhance the involvement of young people and women in innovation. The crucial role of creative and talented women in driving robust economic growth cannot be underestimated. This notion has served as a catalyst for my country to organize, together with all CEBS Members and WIPO, the design exhibition showcasing outstanding achievements of women designers.

There is no good design without new innovative technologies. Poland recognises the significance of venturing into frontier technologies, such as AI, and expresses its keen interest in their exploration. Consequently, it is imperative that WIPO persist in its endeavours to identify and monitor trends within this domain.

Let me use this opportunity to highlight the excellent work of the Regional and National Development Sector and its TDC Division, and thank them for their outstanding initiatives delivered to Poland, which contribute to the promotion of IP rights in our country.

We also thank the WIPO Secretariat, the Chair and Vice-Chairs of IGC Committee for their invaluable participation in the CEBS Group IGC Workshop.

To conclude, my delegation is looking forward to engaging in constructive and result-oriented discussions ahead of us.

Thank you, Madam Chair.