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Statement by Sri Lanka
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Chairperson,

Sri Lanka congratulates you on your election as Chair of the Assemblies and expresses its appreciation to the WIPO Secretariat for the successful organization of this meeting. Sri Lanka aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group.

In its national capacity, Sri Lanka attaches great importance to intellectual property as a practical tool for promoting innovation, creativity, trade, technology transfer, and inclusive economic development. As the country continues its economic recovery and institutional reforms, a modern and accessible IP system remains essential to supporting inventors, creators, MSMEs, women, youth, and academia.

Sri Lanka will continue to work closely with WIPO to strengthen its national IP system. Under the WIPO–NIPO Bilateral Agreement for Technical Support, the National Intellectual Property Office is implementing a comprehensive digitization and modernization programme. As part of this initiative, the scanning project for IP documents was successfully completed in May 2026. In addition, Sri Lanka's national trademark collection is now available through WIPO's Global Brand Database, enhancing transparency, facilitating trademark searches and examination, and increasing the international visibility of Sri Lankan brands.

Chairperson,

Geographical indications remain a national priority, and Sri Lanka has enacted legislation to establish a national registration framework. In copyright, we continue to strengthen the national ecosystem through initiatives on voluntary registration, depository mechanisms, and collective management organizations.

Sri Lanka also appreciates WIPO's continued support through the Global Innovation Index and looks forward to further cooperation in strengthening innovation, university-industry linkages, research and development, and the practical use of IP.

In conclusion, Sri Lanka reaffirms its support for WIPO's Development Agenda and appreciates WIPO's continued cooperation and technical assistance. We look forward to further strengthening our partnership in building a modern, inclusive, and effective IP system that contributes to national development and shared global progress.

Thank you.