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Statement

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Mr. Chair,

Director General,

Excellencies,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chair, on your election and wish you every success in leading the work of these Assemblies. I also extend my congratulations to Director General Daren Tang on his re-election for a second term, and I look forward to continuing our close cooperation with him and the Secretariat.

Mr. Chair,

We are entering a period in which technological change will shape not only the future of innovation, but also the distribution of knowledge, opportunity and economic power. The international intellectual property system must therefore evolve through a genuinely multilateral process, with the meaningful participation of countries representing different civilizations, legal traditions and levels of development.

Iran brings to this process a deep civilizational heritage, rich traditions of knowledge and cultural expression, more than a century of legislative and institutional experience in intellectual property, and significant scientific, academic and innovation capacities. On this basis, the Islamic Republic of Iran is committed to contributing actively and constructively to shaping the next phase of the international intellectual property system, guided by the principles of multilateralism, inclusivity and balance.

In this regard, development must remain central to WIPO's response to emerging technologies. The Organization should examine not only their technical, legal and operational dimensions, but also their broader development implications, including the risk of widening existing knowledge, technological and capacity gaps.

Iran's commitment to the international intellectual property system is not merely declaratory. In 2025, Iran signed the WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional

Knowledge and acceded to the Vienna and Strasbourg Agreements. These measures form part of Iran's broader efforts to modernize its domestic legal and institutional framework, support its knowledge-based economy and deepen its engagement with WIPO-administered treaties.

Mr. Chair,

Over the past year, my country has twice been subjected to aggression and large-scale unlawful armed attacks affecting its scientific, technological, and innovation infrastructure, in clear violation of the fundamental principles of international law. The consequences extend far beyond the immediate physical damage, placing sustained pressure on research institutions, innovation ecosystems, and the services that support creators, researchers, and innovative enterprises.

Iran nevertheless retains the knowledge, institutions and human resources necessary to protect and rebuild its intellectual property and innovation ecosystem. Within its mandate, WIPO is expected to support these national efforts through focused technical cooperation and capacity-building programs.

These national efforts also provide a basis for broader regional engagement. Building on its legal, institutional and technical experience, Iran is prepared to contribute to policy dialogue, knowledge-sharing and capacity-building, and to help expand access

to WIPO's programmes and services across a region that remain underrepresented.

Mr. Chair,

The next technological era must not reproduce the inequalities of the present one. Its rules must be shaped collectively, and its opportunities must be shared more widely. Iran will continue to contribute to that endeavor with experience, responsibility and a firm commitment to multilateral cooperation.

Thank you.