

Mme. President,

On behalf of the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) may I congratulate you, Mme. Päivi Kairamo on your election as President of the 51<sup>st</sup> Series of the Meetings of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

I'm confident that your able stewardship will lead the current Series of Meetings to success.

Mme. President,

The protection of the Intellectual property is posing as a more important work for each nation, as it provides legal and institutional guarantees to boost intellectual creations, thus contributing effectively to the socio-economic development and human survival.

Today, strengthening the IP system is an imperative requirement for the development of science and technologies in overcoming global challenges such as climate change, food security to the extent to financial and economic crisis.

The fact of high increase in the IP assets despite the global economic crisis and the resilience of innovative countries prove that the high creativity and innovation are the keys in overcoming the challenges and keeping its vivacity in economic development.

The delegation of the DPRK, highly appreciating the efforts made by the Director-General of the WIPO and its secretariat, which brought about successes in the past year, wishes to mention a few issues regarding to the future activities of the WIPO.

First of all, we consider that ethical environment and conditions should be provided in the protection of the IP to guarantee the successes of the science and technology at the service of the humanity and socio-economic development.

In recent years, various effective vaccine and drugs were developed for the treatment of AIDS and other severe diseases. However due to excessive increase of their cost by some pharmaceutical companies abusing the patent right casts dark clouds on the prospect of saving millions of lives.

Such cold reality necessitates the establishment of the IP system with justice and morality to make the science and technology at the service of the well-being of the human kind, while protecting the right of scientists and researchers.

My delegation considers that WIPO should pay due attention for the balanced and fair IP system with human face, as it has demonstrated through the conclusion of the Marrakesh Treaty that has

set exceptions for the most vulnerable population and acclaims the trilateral dialogue and study that WIPO is promoting together with the World Health Organisation and World Trade Organisation and WIPO Re:search service consortium.

Secondly, my delegation considers that it is important for the WIPO to further assist the developing countries in strengthening their IP infrastructure and capacity in conformity with their reality through active implementation of the Development Agenda.

The thorough implementation of its 45 recommendations are critical to bridge the huge gap existing between the North and South and leading the developing countries to the path of development based on the knowledge.

The Development Agenda should be mainstreamed into all the WIPO activities with sufficient and appropriate fund allocated and it requires more close reviews and flexible revisions to ensure its activities are efficiently implemented with measurable achievement.

Mme. President,

The respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un**, the Supreme leader of our people put forward the grandiose goal to turn our country into a knowledge-economy power, based on the Science and Technology development and is wisely leading the struggle for its realization.

The Korean nation is the nation, which invented and initiated the movable metal type, armoured vessel and astronomical observatory for the first time in the world.

Thanks to the Government policy on highlighting to the development of the science and technology, noticeable successes have been gained in DPRK in many cutting-edge science domain, such as space technology, bio-engineering and IT etc, of which the potentiality has been fully displayed.

Institutional system is being consolidating for wide IP creation in all spheres of the society, its protection.

However, more efforts are required to achieve the ambitious goal as a knowledge-economy power and the Government is paying great attention to the collaboration with the WIPO to further strengthen the national IP system, in conformity with the international norms.

The Government of the DPR Korea has signed the final act and the treaty of Marrakesh adopted last June and is currently undertaking legal and administrative measures for the ratification of the treaty.

Mme. President,

The Government of the DPR Korea will continue to fulfill its responsibilities and role as a member state of the WIPO for establishment of a fair and equitable IP protection system in the world, strengthening the international cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.