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**Address by Mr. Ramiz Hasanov
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of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

Dear Director General,

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, I would like to greet Chairman, Ambassador Janis Karklins and newly elected Vice-Chairmen and to assure them of my Delegation's full support and cooperation. I would also like to express our compliments and gratitude to previous Chairman, Ambassador Gabriel Duque for his tireless and productive work.

Mr. Chairman,

WIPO as a unique organization continues to play a crucial role in providing global cooperation and interaction in the field of Intellectual Property Rights protection, as well as promotion of innovation. In this regard, we emphasize a successful work of the team of the International Bureau led by Dr. Francis Gurry for implementation of the goals of the Organization.

We note with appreciation the ongoing fruitful interaction with the Organization aimed at the enhancement of training capacities of the National Patent Office, as well as promoting establishment of Technology and Innovation Centers in various scientific and educational organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan, development of copyrights protection system, especially in digital sphere, promoting the adoption of IP policy strategies in universities.

Those efforts go in line with reforms undertaken in the system of public services to entrepreneurs and business organizations in Azerbaijan aimed at facilitation of procedures and promotion of small and medium enterprises. In this streamline, it is important to create all possible incentives for innovative activity. We remain adherent to cooperation with the International Bureau in this direction and are interested to consider further accession to various legal instruments of WIPO.

Mr. Chairman,

The Delegation of Azerbaijan associates itself with the statement of our regional group and would like to underline its points related to such issues as a balanced regional representation in the staff of the Organization, acceleration of adoption of legal instruments for protection of broadcasting organizations, for protection of industrial designs, the work of Standing Committee on the Law of Patents.

Our delegation attaches great importance to the principle of transparency and accountability, which ensures the proper and efficient operation of any international organization. We acknowledge the efficient work done by the Chairs of the General Assembly and the Coordination Committee and support their conclusions, as stated in their review of the OIOS report dated August 5, 2016, specifically to terminate with no further action the cases mentioned in the report. The Delegation of Azerbaijan believes that the Member States should immediately conclude the consideration of this matter keeping in mind the long-term interests of WIPO. Like many other Member States, we appreciate the work of the Director General carried out for the benefit of the Member States, and are looking forward to further developing our mutually beneficial cooperation with the team of WIPO led by Dr. Gurry. In doing so, we are ready to cooperate with the WIPO and its Member States to improve the existing rules and procedures, so that to avoid the recurrence of such cases.

I wish you a fruitful and successful work during these Assemblies

Thank you.