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Agenda item 4 - WIPO Performance Report

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Pakistan has the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the APG.

The Group commends the Secretariat for the comprehensive and transparent analyses presented in the WIPO Performance Report. We welcome the sound financial performance in 2024 and a budget execution pattern consistent with past biennia. We are also appreciative of efforts to enhance efficiency through optimized travel arrangements, sustainability initiatives, and reallocation of savings toward high-impact projects.

The successful adoption of the GRATK Treaty and the Design Law Treaty represent historic achievements, reinforcing WIPO's role in facilitating consensus and shaping international IP norms.

The Group welcomes the progress across Strategic Pillars. The APG, particularly, values the Organization's engagement with SMEs, youth, and underrepresented communities.

Mr. Chair,

While the Group is pleased with the overall trajectory of WIPO's performance, we believe that continued attention to the following areas will further strengthen the Organization's impact:

Firstly, there is a need to strengthen translated and multilingual content. Only 57% of flagship publications were translated into all UN languages in 2024. We encourage renewed efforts to ensure inclusive and equitable access to IP knowledge.

Second, we welcome the LDC Deliverables Package and call for scaled-up, tailored support to developing countries under the Development Agenda and building national innovation ecosystems aligned with national development priorities.

Thirdly, with 84 KPIs already in place, we request the Secretariat to consider enhancing greater clarity in how qualitative and quantitative progress, especially, in cross-cutting themes like youth engagement and SDGs is assessed and communicated.

To conclude, the APG reaffirms its support for WIPO's strategic direction and results-based approach. We look forward to continued collaboration in building a balanced and inclusive global IP system.

I thank you.

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