



**Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN
Geneva**

General Statement by Pakistan at WIPO Programme and Budget Committee

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

At the outset, we would like to congratulate you, Excellency Ambassador Alaa Hegazy, on your election as Chair of this Committee and express our confidence in your stewardship of this meeting.

Pakistan aligns itself with the statement delivered by the delegation of Saudi Arabia on behalf of the APG.

We thank the Director General for his opening remarks and the Secretariat for the preparation of documents for this meeting.

Pakistan is pleased to note the overall healthy status of the organization as outlined in the WIPO Performance Report contained in document WO/PBC/40/6 REV. This is a result of prudent financial and investment management which is key to the Organization's long-term financial sustainability.

We appreciate WIPO's efforts towards ensuring efficiency gains and cost-saving measures without compromising on programmatic ambition and developmental objectives. My delegation also takes note of the ongoing efforts to strengthen transparency, inclusiveness, and results-based management in line with the 2022-2026 Medium Term Strategic Plan.

Mr. Chair,

Pakistan supports the translation of WIPO's budgetary successes into prioritization of capacity building and technical assistance initiatives in the upcoming Programme and Budget and to use IP as a tool to advance the 2030 SDGs.

Development considerations must continue to constitute a central place for inclusive program delivery by WIPO. My delegation considers it pivotal that the allocated funds be utilized in further support of mechanisms that facilitate technology transfer, innovation, inclusive digital infrastructure and IP commercialization aimed at bridging the innovation gap.

We also take note of the Human Resources report and recognize that ensuring equitable geographical representation remains an unfinished agenda of the WIPO's work. We encourage better regional balance, particularly in senior positions in the Organization.

On the finalization of TORs for the evaluation of external offices, we look forward to engaging in discussions in line with the guiding principles adopted by the 2015 General Assemblies.

In closing, Pakistan looks forward to constructive engagement with all Member States and assures you of our full support.

I thank you.