Opening Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Its National Capacity at the 38th SCP

Mr. Chair,

Kazakhstan would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chair, on chairing the 38th session of the SCP, and DDG Ms. Laura Peter on her appointment. We would also like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for its preparations for this session.

Kazakhstan attaches great importance to the development of an effective patent system as a key instrument for promoting innovation, scientific research and technological development.

In the context of the current session, we would like to highlight several priority areas for Kazakhstan.

First, improving the quality of patent examination. Kazakhstan is particularly interested in issues related to the assessment of inventive step, sufficiency of disclosure and the improvement of patent search methods. We support the exchange of practical experiences among national patent offices.

Second, the use of AI. Kazakhstan places particular emphasis on digitalization and the development of AI technologies. The adoption of the Law on Artificial Intelligence in November 2025 marked an important step towards establishing a national legal framework in this field. In this regard, we are interested in learning from international experience in the use of AI in patent examination, as well as approaches to assessing the patentability of inventions developed with the assistance of AI.

Third, ensuring a balance between patent protection and public interests. We support discussions on exceptions and limitations to patent rights, including experimental use, technology transfer and access to patent information in the healthcare field.

At the same time, we consider it important to preserve flexibility in national legislation, taking into account the different levels of technological development and economic priorities of Member States.

Kazakhstan reaffirms its interest in further cooperation with WIPO, particularly in the areas of technical assistance, digitalization of patent procedures and capacity-building for national patent offices.

We wish all delegations constructive and productive discussions.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.