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Mister Chair, Dear Deputy Director General,

The Delegation of Ukraine aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the Central European and Baltic States Group.

At the outset, Ukraine would like to thank the Chair, Vice-Chairs and the Secretariat for their dedicated work in preparing this session.

Ukraine welcomes the continued substantive work of the SCP across its established agenda.

Patent quality remains a particular priority for Ukraine. We attach great importance to the ongoing discussions on artificial intelligence, including its implications for patentability, inventorship and the use of AI-based tools in patent examination.

We believe that these technologies should improve the quality and efficiency of patent examination while preserving legal certainty and the essential role of human expertise.

We also welcome further exchanges on technology transfer, particularly in the fields of health and green technologies.

Distinguished delegates,

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which began in 2014 and escalated into a full-scale military invasion in February 2022, continues to cause devastating human losses and systematically undermine Ukraine’s scientific, technological and innovation potential.

On 29 October, a Russian drone attack on a railway platform in Dnipro killed at least 14 people. On the same day, two 15-year-old girls were killed by a Russian missile strike in Chernihiv.

Just days earlier, on 26 October, Russian ballistic missiles struck Kyiv, damaging university facilities and injuring students.

These attacks follow earlier strikes against Ukraine's scientific infrastructure, including the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute for Nuclear Research in Kyiv in September.

Nevertheless, Ukraine continues to demonstrate resilience and determination to develop its national intellectual property system.

As part of our European integration commitments, Ukraine is advancing a comprehensive reform of its patent legislation to further align our patent legislation with the EU acquis and European patent standards.

At the same time, Ukraine continues its preparations for accession to the European Patent Convention. In October 2026, Ukraine approved its Roadmap for Accession to the European Patent Convention for 2026–2027.

We highly value our cooperation with the European Patent Office and our partners in advancing these objectives.

Mister Chair,

Ukraine must once again draw the Committee's attention to an issue directly affecting the integrity and reliability of the international patent system.

Despite the relevant decisions of the WIPO Assemblies, international patent applications and publications containing false territorial indications concerning the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine continue to appear in the PCT system and PATENTSCOPE database.

For example, international application WO/2026/084617, published on 23 April 2026 indicated an applicant’s address in the temporarily occupied Ukrainian city of Yalta as being located in the Russian Federation.

Such indications contradict Ukraine's internationally recognized borders and are inconsistent with the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity enshrined in the UN Charter and reaffirmed by relevant UN General Assembly resolutions.

Ukraine acknowledges and appreciates the measures already undertaken by the International Bureau, including the amendments to the PATENTSCOPE Terms of Use and the expansion of relevant disclaimers.

However, disclaimers alone cannot resolve this issue. WIPO-administered systems must not be misused to legitimize Russia's attempted illegal annexation of Ukrainian territories or to disseminate misleading information concerning their status.

We therefore reiterate our call upon the International Bureau to introduce further effective technical and organizational safeguards to prevent, identify and correct false territorial indications in all international applications and PCT records.

Finally, Ukraine expresses its sincere gratitude to the Secretariat and to all Member States for their continued solidarity and support for Ukraine, its inventors, researchers and innovation community.

Thank you, Mister Chair.