

**Statement of the Republic of Poland
under GA 2022 Agenda Item 20**

**Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and
Intellectual Property System**

Poland aligns itself with the statement delivered by Ukraine on behalf of the 53 cosponsors of the proposal *on Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System* and the statement delivered by Czech Republic on behalf of the EU and Its Member States.

Poland condemns in the strongest possible terms the Russian unprovoked attack on sovereignty and territorial integrity of our neighbour – Ukraine that constitutes a gross violation of the UN Charter and international law, as was broadly recognised by the Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly of 2nd March 2022.

We stand firmly with the Ukrainian people and our colleagues from the Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute, and support them in their fight for peaceful life. We call on Russia to immediately stop the war in Ukraine and withdraw its forces from the territory of Ukraine.

The war is a tragedy not only from the humanitarian point of view. Its consequences on the country's IP and especially on the Ukrainian SMEs cannot be overlooked. [Important institutions symbolizing creativity or promoting innovation including museums, libraries, theatres, schools, and universities, as well as small and medium sized enterprises and start-ups have been damaged or destroyed. All of them rely on intellectual property, be it copyrights, trademarks, or patents, to protect their works while promoting innovation and creativity.] Therefore, it is vital to support Ukraine's IP system and to start thinking about the post-war recovery plan. In this spirit, we join other countries in highlighting the need for technical assistance and capacity building for the restoration of Ukraine's IP infrastructure and innovation ecosystem.

The proposal had been tabled well in advance of our today's deliberations, so that all delegations could have had enough time to scrutinize it and consult its

text. The outcome of these consultations is duly reflected in the final language, in order to address any possible sensitivities and to make it indeed broadly acceptable for the WIPO Membership. That is why we hope for its adoption by the General Assembly today taking into account the urgency of the matter in this extraordinary situation.

Thank you Madame Chair