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Dear Under-Secretary-General Wu,

I have the pleasure to thank you for your letter dated March 23, 2017, and for sharing the *Principles Governing International Statistical Activities*. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) carries the responsibility for collecting and reporting statistics on intellectual property (IP) activity worldwide. We believe that accurate and trustworthy statistics play a critical role in promoting decision-making that furthers sustainable economic, environmental and social development.

As such, we are fully committed to the agreed principles. We will make good use of them both to guide our own work and when communicating our statistical activities to different stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

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Director General