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Committee on Development and Intellectual Property

21st Session

WIPO, Geneva, 14 – 18 May 2018

EU/Member States Opening Statement

Chairman,

1. I am speaking on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. We would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for the preparation of the 21st session of CDIP. We would also like to congratulate you and your deputy chairs for your election and to wish you success for the coming mandate.
2. This year we are happy to mark the 20th anniversary of the establishment of WIPO Academy which has a crucial role in the strengthening of the professional capacity of national IP offices around the world in line with our Development Agenda Goals. The Academy also plays a vital role in raising awareness of the value of IP rights and their enforcement which are essential to upholding the delicate equilibrium of the global innovation eco-system .
3. The week ahead of us looks quite busy and we believe that under your guidance and that of your deputies we are going to be able to address all points on our agenda in a satisfactory manner.
4. The EU and its Member States take note of the comprehensive annual report by the Director General on the implementation of the Development Agenda. The report highlights the extent to which the development agenda recommendations have shaped the activities of this organisation over the last 10 years. We look forward to discussions this week which will no doubt continue to shape and inform WIPO's development agenda projects and activities.

5. The EU and its Member States also look forward to continuing discussions on the new CDIP agenda item: IP and development. We thank those Member States and Regional Groups that have submitted proposals in this respect. We believe this Committee should consider the topics that are most relevant to our work.
6. As regard the proposal of the African Group Concerning the Biennial Organization of an International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development on the topic of “how the system works”, we believe this is an interesting topic and worth exploring further, but we are still awaiting for the revised proposal of the African group. It would also be worth exploring if this topic could be taken under the item IP and development.
7. With respect to the Independent Review, the EU and its Member States, look forward to hearing more from the Review Team on Recommendations 5 and 11 and thank those Member States and Regional Groups for their constructive suggestions on the implementation modalities and strategies. We believe these submissions form a good basis for our work.
8. We look forward to a productive week.

Thank you.

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CDIP/21/2 Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda

Mr. Chairman,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the ninth annual report of the Director General on the Implementation of the Development Agenda providing complete and comprehensive information on the advancement of the completion of the DARs since it was first adopted over 10 years ago. We will be discussing elements of this report during our session but would like to highlight some key observations at the outset.
2. We note in particular the technical assistance and capacity building activities undertaken by the WIPO Development Sector and the Division for Least-Developed Countries Development as part of WIPO's regular program. This included activities on the development of national IP and innovation strategies, IP development plans, awareness-raising on the importance of IP, provision of legislative advice, capacity-building and a series of activities pertaining to sharing best practices and exchange of useful experiences. We are pleased to note that these activities were demand-driven and development-oriented. We also welcome the increasing number of the technology and innovation support centres (TISCs) and their active engagement in WIPO's projects.
3. The report highlights the wide range of activities undertaken to support the SDGs which have been mainstreamed across all of WIPO's strategic goals, including activities in 20 different programs. We note that WIPO has been actively engaged with other International Organizations and we encourage WIPO to continue to play an active role in supporting member states. We believe WIPO should focus on those SDGs most relevant to its mandate: SDG 9 on Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure and SDG 17 on Global Partnerships for sustainable development.

4. As noted in our opening statement we are particularly pleased with the progress made by the WIPO Academy since it was established 20 years ago. The report highlights the extent to which the Academy has been active in developing countries, providing training to approximately 64,000 participants in 2017, strengthened its cooperation with a number of developing countries through South-South and triangular cooperation in meeting the IP education and training needs of developing countries, LDCs and countries with economies in transition. We also note that there are now over 155 distance learning courses and that 70 percent of the offered courses were organized in developing countries through partnerships with Member State institutions.
5. Over the last 10 years the implementation and mainstreaming of the DA has seen 35 projects developed and executed with the aim of operationalizing the DA Recommendations. So far, 19 projects have been mainstreamed in the work of the Organization and 47 thematic studies were undertaken and made available on the web site for all stakeholders.
6. Finally, the EU and its MS also thank the Secretariat for the helpful summary of activities by relevant WIPO bodies in line with the coordination mechanism.

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CDIP 21/13: Evaluation Report of the Project on Capacity-building in the Use of Appropriate Technology Specific Technical and Scientific Information as a Solution for Identifying Development Challenges – Phase II

Chairman,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for the evaluation report of the Project on Capacity-building in the Use of Appropriate Technology Specific Technical and Scientific Information as a Solution for Identifying Development Challenges – Phase II.
2. The document clearly shows that progress has been made in the implementation of the project since phase I. The work on the project was significantly facilitated by the Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed before the beginning of the second phase. It is also worth noticing that no risks occurred and the implementation of the project was not affected negatively.
3. We agree that mainstreaming of the project might be considered and the duration of the delivering of specific outcome should be reviewed.
4. The assistance of WIPO regional offices could also prove beneficial as well raising awareness on the Appropriate Technology project and involvement of the Regional Bureaus to ensure the use of the Appropriate Technology is mainstreamed in the national IP strategies.
5. The evaluation shows the Member States need to be more committed to the implementation of such projects and to effectively involve the national expert groups at every stage, particularly the design, monitoring and evaluation. Additional attention might be paid to the selection, membership and operation of the National Expert Groups.

6. Last but not least, during the design stage new solutions could be considered to offer broader participation and ensure sustainability of the projects. More efforts are needed for the implementation of the business plans and the continuation of the activities after their accomplishment. This could be assisted by considering the involvement of the private sector and/or NGOs where appropriate as well as by establishing conditions for the creation of legal, institutional and policy framework after the implementation of the business plans.

Thank you.

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CDIP/21/9 WIPO's Practices for the Selection of Consultants for Technical Assistance

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing the paper on WIPO's existing practices for the selection of consultants for technical assistance in document CDIP/21/9.
2. We acknowledge that WIPO follows Development Agenda Recommendations principles in its work in the area of technical assistance and that the Technical Assistance's activities are provided in a development-oriented, demand-driven and transparent way.
3. More importantly, we appreciate the technical assistance is tailored to the national needs and priorities of the Member States which improves its efficiency.
4. Finally, we take note that the modalities introduced by WIPO's specific practices for the selection of consultants are also equally in favour of the selection of the best suited candidates and of the protection of the Organisation's interest.

Thank you.

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CDIP/21/4 Compilation of WIPO's Existing Practices, Methodologies and Tools for Providing Technical Assistance

Mr. Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States welcome the document on WIPO's existing practices for providing technical assistance and we would like to thank the Secretariat for compiling it.
2. This report is a continuation of our fruitful discussions we had last year at the Roundtable on Technical Assistance and Capacity Building. We are pleased to note the structured approach taken by WIPO in its delivery of technical assistance and agree with the four steps that have been highlighted in this report. We also appreciate the emphasis placed on addressing the needs of the beneficiaries.
3. We agree that WIPO should aim to implement projects to complement or build on previous development activities and in line with national IP strategies and development plans. Due to the horizontal nature of TA activities we hope the inter-institutional coordination between WIPO, Regional Offices and TISCs are able to improve and tailor activities to ensure the involvement of the relevant national institutions in its implementation.

4. Development Agenda projects are one of the most important tools for technical assistance and have a significant role for awareness-raising on issues related to IP and development. We would encourage a more explicit emphasis on developing tools addressed at improving gender equality and engaging young persons. In addition, we would like to highlight the importance of monitoring and evaluation to ensure projects are sustainable and able to continue to deliver for beneficiaries after their completion. We believe this document provides a useful overview of WIPO practices, methodologies and tools for delivering technical assistance, the steps and categories of Technical Assistance are appropriate and should allow WIPO to continue to improve and develop tailored projects to address the specific national needs.

Thank you.

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CDIP 21/INF/2: Feasibility Study on Enhancing the Collection of Economic data on the Audio-visual Sector in a Number of African Countries

Mr. Chair,

1. The EU and its MS take note of the information in the study. We acknowledge the work that has been done in the field under the WIPO funded project “Strengthening and Development of the Audio-visual Sector in Burkina Faso and Certain African Countries”.
2. The project accomplished its objectives and defined a few areas of improvement of the audio-visual sectors of the beneficiary countries. Among the first would be the immediate need to raise awareness of the importance of the use of copyright and its benefits along with the introduction appropriate legislative framework where needed. We agree this will enhance transparency and it will allow for better collaboration.
3. The need of securing reliable data on the size of the production sector and the amount of production as well as on the corresponding obligations of the different actors in relation to it would certainly gain from establishing rules in the sector. The regulation would also provide the necessary steps to produce a regular map of the state of market and its trends which would prove useful for the countries involved in the project.
4. We appreciate the idea for further WIPO assistance through the completion of a feasibility study on the creation of an institute for gathering of data on the audio-visual sector on sub-regional or pan-African level although we feel that for the successful completion of such task the involvement of national institutions of the countries and partially of their private sector (NGOs, professional organizations, companies, etc.) might be required.

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CDIP/21/11 Compilation of Member State Input on the Modalities and Implementation Strategies of the Adopted Recommendations of the Independent review

Chairman,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the delegations for their input and the Secretariat for the compilation of the Member States' input on the Modalities and Implementation Strategies of the Adopted Recommendations of the Independent review in document CDIP/21/11.
2. Turning to the modalities and implementation strategies, we agree that some recommendations are directed to CDIP, some to the Member States and some to the Secretariat. Our deliberations should keep this in mind.
3. We agree with the proposals on recommendation 1 from Group B and Mexico that the new agenda item on IP and Development would be a good basis for taking these discussions forward. This proposal would be consistent with that of Peru.
4. WIPO delivers support for the achievement of Development Agenda Recommendations in different ways and through different divisions on permanent basis and we could agree with Group B that efforts for implementing recommendation 3 on the coordination, monitoring, reporting and evaluation, should be led by the Development Agenda Coordination Division (DACD). We would agree with Mexico that particular attention could be given to the separate stages of the implementation of the projects.
5. Group B's proposal on the follow-up of recommendation 4 is something we could consider as long as we are keeping in mind the responsibility and commitments WIPO has to the implementation of Development Agenda Recommendations in the frames of its mandate.

6. Based on the proposals of Group B and Mexico on the implementation of recommendation 6, we agree with need to engage more often national experts in the work of WIPO. The suggestion of Mexico to include experts from different areas when discussing horizontal topics is also to be considered.
7. We support the implementation of new Development Agenda projects and a result-oriented approach and better monitoring of their sustainability which would assist their multiplication if needed. We agree with Group B asking the Secretariat to deliver more information on the database format to eventually lower the costs and the weaknesses of the projects.
8. The proposal of Group B and Mexico to enhance effectiveness, comprehensiveness and sustainability of the Development Agenda projects based on recommendation 8 is important and we can see that WIPO is already making changes in the way the projects are being managed and monitored which shows our commitment to respond better to the new realities.
9. We are more inclined to the proposals of Group B on the implementation of recommendations 9 and 10, particularly the inclusion of additional financial information in the next Progress Report which would increase the transparency in WIPO's work.
10. We prefer the proposal of Group B on the implementation of recommendation 12, focusing on the use of the available resources and then, if needed, working on alternative solutions for better dissemination of information about the implementation of the Development Agenda by WIPO.
11. Finally, Mr. Chair, we believe that monitoring progress on the implementation of recommendations should be reported back to Member States through the Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda.

Thank you.

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CDIP/21/10 Report on WIPO's Contribution to the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and its associated Targets

Mr. Chairman,

1. The EU and its Member States appreciate the opportunity to discuss the annual report on WIPO's contribution to the implementation of the SDGs and associated targets. We are committed to support the achievement of the SDGs as they are vital for the developed and the developing countries.
2. We note that the report underlines the responsibilities of the Member States for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and for their economic and social development, something the EU and its Member States have also previously pointed out.
3. The amount of activities and initiatives undertaken by WIPO for the implementation of the Development Agenda is impressive in range and quantity. We would like to reiterate our position that WIPO's support should remain focused on the implementation of SDGs of relevance to its work and mandate (mainly SDG 9 and SDG 17).
4. As part of the UN system, WIPO also takes part in a significant number of activities and initiatives, including at the UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. The next session of the HLPF is going to take place in New York between 09-18 July this year and it will focus on the review of the implementation of the SDGs, particularly of goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17. This would be another opportunity for WIPO to share the results of its work and to continue emphasizing the importance of IP as one of the vital tools for the achievement of the SDGs.

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CDIP/21/12 Project Proposal from the Delegations of Canada, Mexico and the US on Increasing the Role of Women in Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Encouraging Women in Developing Countries to Use the Intellectual Property System

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the delegations of Canada, Mexico and the US for the project proposal on Increasing the Role of Women in Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Encouraging Women in Developing Countries to Use the Intellectual Property System.
2. The project proposal relates to important issues and we would support the idea of launching such new initiative which eventually would contribute for the implementation of DARs 1, 10, 12, 19, 31. There is still to be done for establishing gender equality in the IP field and women innovators need special attention and support.
3. Part of the proposed eligibility criteria, if we understand it correctly, would be the availability of a national association of women inventors. We hope this would not prove to be dissuasive for some potential beneficiaries and on the other hand it could be reconsidered as one of the potential activities of this project.
4. When going through the risk assessment, we noticed the eventual potential lack of mentors which would also affect the sustainability of the project. Perhaps the establishment of a partnership with universities or professional associations which might have the potential to fill this gap could be considered.

Thank you.

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CDIP/21/7 Project on Enhancing the Use of IP in the Software Sector in African Countries proposed by Kenya

Chairman,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the delegation of Kenya for the project proposal on Enhancing the Use of IP in the Software Sector in African Countries.
2. We appreciate the growth and the potential of the African technology field combined with its present need of better understanding and use of IP, particularly by app developers. The project looks even more important as it has the ambition to assist the achievement of four Development Agenda Recommendations – 11, 23, 24 and 27.
3. As the project proposal aims at assisting the assessment of IP assets and the creation of funding opportunities, the enlarging of its target group by including banks, funding institutions and IP attorneys might be considered.
4. The proposal also takes note of the fact that financial institutions in Africa don't count software and IP as intangible assets. This might be reflected in the proposed activities along with more targeted actions to bring together the different sectors in order to achieve the projects objectives.
5. This is an interesting proposal and we are looking forward to the reactions of the other delegations.

Thank you.

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CDIP/21/8 Rev. Compilation of Member State Inputs on Issues to be addressed under the Agenda Item “Intellectual Property and Development”

Mr. Chairman,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the delegations for their input on the new agenda item “IP and Development” and the Secretariat for the compilation of the Member States’ input on the issues to be addressed under the new agenda item.
2. The proposals offer interesting and important topics for discussion and a few of them suggest an initial exchange of views on IP, innovation and development. Such discussion will help us to shape our future work under the new agenda item and to define areas where we would like to have more substantive impact.
3. A subject for discussion proposed by a few delegations is technology commercialization, technology changes and their IP implications, as well as technologies and the digitalisation of society. To us these themes are worth exploring as technologies are constantly transforming our life and have a serious impact on IP and development.
4. Another recurring topic is the role of women for the implementation of IP, their usage of the IP system in developing and least developed countries. Gender equality and fair access to IP is important in our view along with the adjustment of micro and SMEs to the new realities of IP proposed by Group B.
5. We agree with the proposal coming from Group B for discussion of key elements of the IP system beneficial for the economic, cultural and social development which goes in the direction of the African Group request for a conference on “How to benefit from the system” and is in line with our position on the African group proposal for the organisation of biennial conference on the same subject.

Thank you.

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CDIP/21/5 Gap Analysis of WIPO's Existing Technology Transfer Services and Activities in Respect of the WIPO Development Agenda, Cluster "C" Recommendations

Chairman,

1. The EU and its Member States are grateful to the Secretariat for the document and the overview of the activities related to each of the Cluster "C" recommendations it delivers.
2. We acknowledge the amount of work WIPO has done on this particular strain by implementing 425 services and activities between 2014 and 2017 as well as ten projects by which was supported the achievement of all 9 recommendations of Cluster "C".
3. With this in mind, we would like to recall that the Secretariat was asked to produce on the gap analysis of WIPO's existing technology transfer-related services and activities. Yet it would appear that no indicators or benchmarks have been defined in the document which could facilitate this analysis. We would like to hear from the other delegations and the Secretariat on how such indicators might be developed.

Thank you.

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CDIP/21/6 Costing of Roadmap on Promoting the Usage of the Web Forum Established under the “Project on Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer: Common Challenges – Building Solutions”

Mr Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for producing an estimate of the costs involved in the implementation of the possible actions indicated in the Roadmap on promoting the usage of the Web Forum established under the “Project on Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer: Common Challenges – Building Solutions” (doc. CDIP/6/4).
2. We have been supportive of the joint proposal of the US, Australia and Canada on promoting of the use of the web forum and we are pleased to see the project moving forward. In general, we agree with the possible actions proposed in the document. They are result-oriented and offer practical steps for the actions that need to be taken.
3. However, we would suggest the implementation of the proposed activities in possible action 5 and 6 to begin at an earlier stage in order to ensure consistency of the planned activities. This would give time and facilitate the coordination between the different communication strategy activities.
4. We appreciate that the budget for every single phase will be approved by CDIP and we look to the Secretariat to ensure the project’s efficient implementation.

Thank you.

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CDIP 21/INF/5: Summary of the Study on Intellectual Property: A mechanism for Strengthening Provincial Identity within the Framework of the Imbabura Geopark Project

Mr. Chairman,

1. The EU and its MS take note of the study conducted in the framework of the Intellectual Property, Tourism and Culture project and presented in document 21/INF/5.
2. We agree tourism could play a key role and benefit the economic growth and inclusive development. The study also supports our view by providing information on the customers' expectations, different perspectives for the future park and analysis of the good practises in the US, Canada, Germany and the UK.
3. The study creates a bridge between tourism and intellectual property by pointing out possible IP solutions for the protection of national traditional goods. We hope that its findings will be helpful for policy making in this area.

Thank you.

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CDIP 21/INF/3: Summary of the Study on Enhancing Innovation in the Agri-Food Sector in Uganda: Sector Studies on Robusta Coffee Planting Material and Tropical Fruit Processing

Chairman,

1. The EU and its Member States take note of the summary of the study on enhancing innovation in the agri-food sector in Uganda as part of second phase of the project on “IP and Socio-Economic Development”. This is an important study and we would like to thank WIPO’s Economic and Statistics Division for conducting it.
2. We acknowledge the difficult conditions for the implementation of the study and for the gathering of the information needed as well as the thorough work that was done in this respect over 18 months.
3. This also makes the study’s findings and recommendations even more important. The challenges before the innovations in the agri-food sector in Uganda like in other developing and LDCs are linked not just to natural resources and conditions but also to legal and economic realities.
4. The need of reliable growing conditions, establishment of public-private partnerships, better access to market opportunities is yet another sign that the achievement of SDG depends on the actions of individual member states as well.

Thank you.

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CDIP 21/INF/4: Summary of the Study on the Use of Intellectual Property in Chile

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States take note of the study on the use of intellectual property in Chile conducted in the context of the project on Intellectual Property and Socio Economic Development – Phase II (document CDIP/14/7).
2. The first study in a middle-income country delivers detailed and comprehensive information on the effect of Intellectual Property Rights on the performance of the firms. According to the findings, the main users of IP are large and foreign companies in the major urban areas which leave room for promotion of the benefits of the IPR system to the broader business community.
3. The study also takes note of another important fact – the effective use of IP could benefit the growth of the companies which could also assist the sustainable development.

Thank you.

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**CDIP/21/14 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TOURISM AND GASTRONOMY IN PERU:
PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AND GASTRONOMY IN PERU
THROUGH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Mr. Chairman,

1. The EU and its Member States thank the Delegation of Peru for its proposal regarding a project titled “Intellectual Property, Tourism and Gastronomy in Peru: Promoting the Development of Tourism and Gastronomy in Peru through Intellectual Property”.
The EU and its member states support the submission of projects that contribute concretely to the attainment of Development Agenda Recommendations.
2. Since the project proposal was submitted shortly before the 21st session of the CDIP we look forward to discussing it at the next session of the Committee.

Thank you.

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**Video Conference with the Lead Evaluator of the Independent Review to clarify
recommendation 5 and 11
(delivered before the Video Conference)**

Chairman,

1. The EU and its MS note that Recommendation 5 considers linking DARs to expected results contained in the programme and budget. We continue to agree with the Secretariat that on the basis of the existing Programme and Budget, Programme Performance Report and the revised Medium Term Strategic Plan, WIPO already has the necessary tools for monitoring the integration of the DARs into its work.
2. Recommendation 11 foresees the establishment of a mechanism to report on the agreed DARs contained in the evaluation reports and on the mainstreamed outcomes of DA projects. We continue to agree with the Secretariat that the Results-Based Management approach currently in place satisfies the intent behind this Recommendation. We agree with the comment made by Group B that the practice of systematically approving each evaluation Recommendation in discussing evaluation reports may be unduly burdensome.

Thank you.

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Proposal of the African Group concerning the Biennial Organisation of an International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development

Thank you, Mr.Chairman

1. The EU and its MS in their opening statement have pointed out that a themed discussion on the topic “how the system works” that takes into account the content of the African Group proposal could be conducted under the new agenda item “IP and development”. This would make good use of the time and space allocated to us, without incurring any further costs to travel or accommodation. Even more so as the objectives set out in the African paper coincide with those of the new agenda item.
2. In view of the fact that the creation of a new agenda item on IP and development is being discussed during the CDIP, we would appreciate if the purpose and additional value of the proposed international conference in comparison with the new agenda item devoted to the "IP and development" are clarified and precised.
3. Our understanding is that no conference should be convened outside the CDIP and we could consider only one conference at this time.
4. The suggested title “How to benefit from the system” still seems rather broad, and we would appreciate if the African Group could deliver some further clarification in this regard.
5. We are looking forward to hearing an update from the African Group on the revised proposal taking into account the discussion with all delegations.

Thank you!

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**Video Conference with the Lead Evaluator of the Independent Review to clarify
recommendation 5 and 11
(delivered after the Video Conference)**

Chair,

The EU and its MS would like to thank the Lead Evaluator for his additional explanations of recommendations 5 and 11. This additional information is helpful, and we would like some additional time to consider its implications further.

Thank you

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EU/Member States Closing Statement

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the EU and its Member States, I would like to begin with a warm and heartfelt thanks to you for your able guidance us throughout this week. The 21st session of CDIP was conducted by you in a remarkable way and we have all been able to benefit from your enthusiasm, diplomatic skills and expertise.

We would like to express gratitude to the two Vice-Chairpersons and to the Secretariat for their excellent work.

Our thanks also go to the interpreters, translators and the other staff of WIPO Headquarters for their high professionalism.

Despite the fact that a number of standing issues have remained unresolved, the EU and its Member States appreciate the outcome of the session, as reflected in the Summary by the Chair.

We note with appreciation that during the session was celebrated the 20th anniversary of the establishment of WIPO Academy which has a central role in the strengthening of the professional capacity of national IP offices.

The EU and its Member States constructively participated in the debates on all items on the agenda of the CDIP. There were fruitful discussions on the implementation of the Development Agenda, various WIPO projects, progress reports, the forum on technical assistance and others. We had an opportunity to acquire more detailed knowledge on the positions of the Regional Groups and individual WIPO Members States on these issues.

The EU and its Member States recognize that new proposals were submitted, explained and discussed. We would like to commend the Delegations of Canada, Mexico, the US, the Russian Federation, Peru, Kenya, Chile, and others for the presentation of their projects.

We look forward to starting our discussions under the new agenda item on IP and development notably on “IP and Women” and “IP and development in the Digital environment” at the next two sessions of the CDIP. We look forward to receiving further clarifications from the African Group on their proposal for an international conference on IP and development at the next session of the CDIP.

We would like to reiterate our commitment to advancing work under all the topics on the CDIP agenda and look forward to fruitful discussions and positive results during the 22nd session of CDIP in November 2018.

Thank you!
