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25th Session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)

(Geneva, 9-13 November 2020)

Agenda Item 5

General Statement

(submitted in writing)

Chair,

1. Germany is honoured to take the floor on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. We look forward to working efficiently under the able guidance of you and your Vice-Chairs during this week.
2. The EU and its Member States remain committed to further progress in the field of IP and development, particularly in light of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We support the continued implementation of the 45 Development Agenda Recommendations in a balanced and consensus-driven manner and are pleased that this Committee is able to continue its important work, after it had to be postponed in May due to the crisis. Against this background, we would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for their excellent work in preparing and organising this first CDIP session in a hybrid format.
3. The EU and its Member States welcome the Reports under agenda item 6 on the implementation of Development Agenda Recommendations. We are pleased to take note that the Development Agenda Recommendations have been further implemented and mainstreamed into WIPO's regular program activities and into the work of other WIPO bodies. According to Part II of the Director General's Report, contained in document CDIP/25/2, WIPO completed and evaluated 34 DA projects to date. We see this considerable number as a great success of the Committee's hard work.

4. The EU and its Member States appreciate the Reports on WIPO's Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development, consisting of the Report on the Webinars on Technical Assistance in document CDIP/25/3 and the associated Evaluation Report in document CDIP/25/4. Again, we would like to reiterate that technical assistance and the DA projects are central for this Committee's work and can lead to substantial improvements in the IP frameworks of the beneficiary countries.
5. Coming to the agenda item 'IP and Development', the EU and its Member States would like to emphasise the high value that discussions under this agenda item have for the work of this Committee, by enabling an important exchange of experiences and best practices among Member States. We welcome the progress achieved at the last session in identifying well-balanced and forward-looking topics for the following three sessions. With regard to this session's topic 'IP and Creative Economy' the EU and its Member States look forward to following and engaging actively in the upcoming discussions.
6. Chair, the EU and its Member States will continue to engage constructively in the discussions we have ahead of us and count on the active and cooperative participation of all Member States to make this session a success.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 6(i)

Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda

(CDIP/25/2)

Chair,

1. Germany is honoured to take the floor on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. Since it is the first time we take the floor, we would like to congratulate you and your Vice-Chair for your election and we look forward to working efficiently under the able guidance of you and your Vice-Chair during this week.
2. The EU and its Member States remain committed to further progress in the field of IP and development, particularly in light of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We support the continued implementation of the 45 Development Agenda Recommendations in a balanced and consensus-driven manner and are pleased that this Committee is able to continue its important work, after it had to be postponed in May due to the crisis. Against this background, we would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for their excellent work in preparing and organising this first CDIP session in a hybrid format.
3. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Director General for the Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda. The report provides a comprehensive overview of the activities undertaken by WIPO during the previous year.
4. We are pleased to take note that the DAR's have been further implemented and mainstreamed into WIPO's regular program activities and into the work of other WIPO bodies. In particular, in the important field of technical assistance and capacity-building, we note with satisfaction WIPO's high level of activity. We also acknowledge WIPO's progress and efforts in building global capacity in IP through education and training and we would like to congratulate WIPO for the fact that the Academy's Distance Learning program saw another year of impressive growth.

5. Coming to WIPO's cooperation with the UN System, we note with great interest that the report highlights some joint initiatives of WIPO, WHO and WTO addressing IP in the context of health and trade. In view of the current global health crises and the need for a global economic recovery in mind, the EU and its Member States, again, would like to invite WIPO to engage even closer with the WHO and WTO, in order to ensure that IP issues are appropriately – and competently – addressed in the discussions dealing with the current global health challenges.
6. Turning to the DA Projects, we are also pleased to note that two of the three projects approved by the CDIP in 2019 have already started in January this year. However, we would be very interested in receiving more information on the impact of the current global health crisis on the implementation processes of the running DA Projects.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(ii)

**Report on the Web Forum Established under the ‘Project on Intellectual Property and
Technology Transfer: Common Challenges – Building Solutions’ after its Integration into the
New WIPO INSPIRE Platform**

(CDIP/25/5)

Chair,

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for providing the report on the Web Forum contained in document CDIP/25/5. We take note that a new forum has been established within the eTISC platform and we welcome the fact that no additional resources beyond those already allocated under the regular budget were required in order to implement the actions described in the report.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(iii)

Report on WIPO's Contribution to the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and its Associated Targets

(CDIP/25/6)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the Report on WIPO's Contribution to the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and its Associated Targets contained in document CDIP/25/6. The report provides a well-structured and comprehensive overview and update on WIPO's activities undertaken individually or as part of the UN system.
2. The EU and its Member States acknowledge the high value of WIPO's contribution to the implementation of the SDGs and the associated targets which is guided by the Development Agenda. We continue to be fully committed to supporting the achievement of the SDGs, as they are important and relevant to all countries in the world.
3. The health related activities and initiatives mentioned in the report have particularly caught our attention, such as 'WIPO Re:Search' and The Patent Information Initiative for Medicines (Pat-Informed). We would be very interested to learn more about the suitability of these activities and initiatives to contribute to the current global health crises and how they might be linked to current WHO initiatives aimed at finding a vaccine. There is a need for solid IP arrangements fostering innovation and the rapid development and deployment of vaccines and therapeutics.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(i)

(a) Report on the Webinars on Technical Assistance

(CDIP/25/3)

(b) Evaluation Report of WIPO Webinars on Technical Assistance

(CDIP/25/4)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States appreciate the reports on the webinars on technical assistance and we would like to thank the Secretariat for having launched a series of webinars, contained in document CDIP/25/3, in order to facilitate discussions on the usefulness of the webinar platform.
2. Coming to the independent evaluation report, contained in document CDIP/25/4, first of all we would like to express our gratitude for this report to the independent consultant Ms Lois Austin. By assessing three main criteria (1. Relevance, 2. Effectiveness and 3. Sustainability) and presenting a set of 6 recommendations on the basis of the evaluation findings to each of the criteria, this report is well-structured and comprehensive.
3. As already expressed, technical assistance is central and should remain in the heart of this Committee's work. Therefore we note with satisfaction that the report is generally positive about the webinars on technical assistance.
4. Referring to Recommendation 3 of the evaluation report, recommending that webinars should be considered only as a complementary activity to more traditional approaches, we should bear in mind the current global health crises. In light of travelling restrictions and quarantine instructions, we see advantages in having webinars instead of more traditional approaches such as WIPO in-country missions. Against this background, we particularly consider that webinars are worth developing.

5. However, the EU and its Member States see this report as a proof for the usefulness of the webinar platform and we would like to see the webinar platform continued by taking into account in an appropriate manner the 6 recommendations of the evaluation report. Therefore, we would be pleased to know how the Secretariat envisages to proceed on the basis of the said report and we stand ready for further discussions under this topic.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 7(i)

Project Proposal Submitted by the Republic of Indonesia and the United Arab Emirates on Promoting the Use of Intellectual Property in Developing Countries for Creative Industries in the Digital Era

(CDIP/25/8 Rev.)

Chair,

1. On behalf of the European Union and its Member States let me thank the distinguished delegations of the Republic of Indonesia and the United Arab Emirates for presenting the project proposal on Promoting the Use of Intellectual Property in Developing Countries for Creative Industries in the Digital Era contained in document CDIP/25/8/Rev.
2. We note that the aim of the project proposal is to improve the use of the IP system by local creative businesses and to improve the capacity of IP authorities in the light of changes in the digital era. We agree that the creative industries - especially MSMEs - are of great importance for the developing countries and are hence worth supporting.
3. The EU and its Member States are looking forward to hearing other views on the proposal.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 7(ii)

Project Proposal Submitted by the Republic of El Salvador on Systematization of Statistical Data and the Design and Implementation of a Methodology for Developing Impact Assessments on the use of the Intellectual Property System

(CDIP/25/10)

Chair,

1. On behalf of the European Union and its Member States, let me thank the distinguished delegation of El Salvador for presenting the project proposal on Systematization of statistical data and the design and implementation of a methodology for developing impact assessments on the use of the intellectual property system, as contained in document CDIP/25/10.
2. We note the objective of the project proposal to build the human and technical capacity of the relevant entities of Member State to develop IP impact assessments at the national or regional level. Nevertheless, we would be interested in the estimated costs of the protect and are looking forward to hearing other views on the proposal in order to enter into discussions.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 7(iii)

Proof of Concept of a Searchable Online Catalogue for Development Agenda Projects and Outputs

(CDIP/25/INF/2)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for providing the information on a searchable online catalogue for DA projects contained in document CDIP/25/INF/2.
2. We consider the creation of an online catalogue containing all past and ongoing DA projects as a useful tool for all Member States. We also welcome the fact that the online catalogue will provide information about project outcomes. We were wondering if evaluation outcomes are also displayed. In our opinion, this would be a good feature of the online catalogue.
3. We remain supportive of the proposal, contained in document CDIP/24/14/Rev., as a whole and we are therefore looking forward to seeing it further implemented.

Thank you.

Agenda Item 7(iv)

Summary of the Exploratory Study for the Project on ‘Intellectual Property and Gastronomic Tourism in Peru and other Developing Countries’

(CDIP/25/INF/3)

No formal EU statement.
