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Delegations will find at annex, for information, the EU/Member States statements as delivered at the above-mentioned WIPO meeting.

**27<sup>th</sup> Session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)**

**(Geneva, 22-26 November 2021)**

**Agenda item 5**

**General/Opening Statement**

*(Submitted in writing)*

Chair,

1. Slovenia is honoured to take the floor on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. We look forward to working efficiently under your and your vice-chairs' able guidance during this session.
2. We would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing and organising the meeting, in particular as regards the supporting documentation for such a wide range of issues.
3. The EU and its Member State are pleased to take note of the comprehensive Secretariat's Report on Progress. We especially appreciate a clear structure concerning the Development Agenda (DA), which enables getting a quick overview.
4. In regards to the agenda item "WIPO's Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development", we would like to reiterate that technical assistance and the DA projects are central for this Committee's work and should be oriented to substantial improvements in the frameworks of the beneficiary countries.
5. We look forward to the presentation and discussions on the topic "The role of Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) as a catalyst for Technology Transfer: Opportunities and Challenges" under the agenda item 8 "IP and Development", which will contribute to an important exchange of experience and best practices among Member States.
6. Chair, the EU and its Member States look forward to continuing working and contributing constructively in the various discussions during this session.

Thank you.

## **Agenda item 6(a)**

### **Progress Reports**

(CDIP/27/2)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the Progress Reports on the 45 Development Agenda (DA) recommendations contained in document CDIP/27/2. The progress reports provide a comprehensive overview of their implementation for the period from July 2019 to July 2021, their links to related Programs in the Program and Budget for 2020/2021, an overview of related DA activities/achievements and links to other related documents.
2. We are pleased to recognise that the structure regarding the implementation of the Development Agenda recommendations is illustrated in a clear manner that allows a user-friendly navigation and overview.
3. The EU and its Member States acknowledge and value the contribution of WIPO and its Secretariat to the implementation of the DA recommendations.

Thank you.

## **Agenda item 6(b)**

### **Completion report of the Project on Intellectual Property Management and Transfer of Technology: Promoting the Effective Use of Intellectual Property in Developing Countries, Least Developed Countries and Countries with Economies in Transition**

(CDIP/27/4)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for the Completion Report, contained in document CDIP/27/4.
2. We commend the overall outcome of the project that followed the same approach in all four countries: Chile, Indonesia, Rwanda and South Africa. The project promoted the efficient use of intellectual property and any associated intellectual property rights as a tool for socio-economic development in developing, emerging and least developed countries.
3. We appreciate that this project resulted in establishing a new approach and tools for assessment of training needs in areas related to technology transfer, integrating not only individual and institutional but also national perspectives. The Completion Report also identified follow-up steps of the project, such as integration of the aforementioned new approach and tools into the project planning cycle for TISC program activities, allowing for improved targeting of planned training activities for establishing and developing TISC networks.

Thank you.

## **Agenda item 6(c)**

### **Evaluation Report of the Project on Intellectual Property Management and Transfer of Technology: Promoting the Effective Use of Intellectual Property in Developing Countries, Least Developed Countries and Countries with Economies in Transition**

(CDIP/27/5)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to express their gratitude for the great work detailed in document CDIP/27/5, containing the independent Evaluation Report of the Project on Intellectual Property Management and Transfer of Technology: Promoting the Effective Use of Intellectual Property in Developing carried out by Ms Anita Leutgeb.
2. The independent report of the aforementioned project highlights key findings, conclusions and recommendations. The aim of the project was to enhance the innovation capabilities of countries in question by deploying opportunities for training, capacity building and cooperation.
3. We note that the evaluation report considered the project had successfully delivered the key outputs, notably the manual and toolkit, the training needs assessments, the innovation value chain mappings, the training plans, and the training activities.
4. We consider this evaluation report highly relevant and encourage the beneficiaries to duly consider its follow-up recommendations for the project.

Thank you.

## **Agenda item 6(i)**

### **Future Webinars**

(CDIP/26/6)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would once again like to thank the Secretariat for the preparation of document CDIP/26/6, setting out the strategy for organising future webinars.
2. As we previously stated at the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the CDIP, we support both of the proposed options for the topic selection process and other aspects. We consider the proposals to be complementary and not mutually exclusive.
3. We are looking forward to discussing and hearing the preferences and comments of other delegations on the proposed options as well as on other elements of the document.

Thank you.

## **Agenda item 7(a)**

### **Revised Project Proposal on Identifying and Using Inventions in the Public Domain**

(CDIP/27/6)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing the revised version of the Project Proposal on Identifying and Using Inventions in the Public Domain, as contained in document CDIP/27/6.
2. The EU and its Member States see merit in the aim of the project, which is to contribute to the capacity of TISCs to offer services related to identifying and using inventions in the public domain.
3. We welcome and are thankful for the additional information provided in the revised proposal.

Thank you.

## **Agenda item 7(b)**

### **Revised Project Proposal by Brazil on Empowering Small Businesses through IP: Developing Strategies for Supporting Geographical Indications or Collective Marks in the Post-registration Period**

(CDIP/27/7)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank Brazil as well as the WIPO Secretariat for their assistance in preparing the revised version of the project proposal on Empowering Small Businesses through IP: Developing Strategies for Supporting Geographical Indications or Collective Marks in the Post-registration Period, as contained in document CDIP/27/7.
2. We note that the objective of this project is to develop capacity building tools and initiatives to empower the users or right holders of geographical indications or collective/certification marks from developing countries in the post-registration period, to effectively use their IP rights.
3. During the previous CDIP session, we have already expressed support for the idea behind the project. We share the view that empowering small local business to make the best use of IP rights is of great importance.
4. We believe the revised proposal has a more clearly defined delivery strategy, project self-evaluation, selection criteria for beneficiary countries as well as budget information.
5. The EU and its Member States are looking forward to hearing other views on the revised proposal.

Thank you.



**Agenda item 7(c)**

**Project Proposal by Tunisia on Reducing Work-Related Accidents and Occupational Diseases  
through Innovation and Intellectual Property**

(CDIP/27/8)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank Tunisia for submitting the project proposal, contained in the document CDIP/27/8.
2. We note with interest that the aim of the project is to help reduce occupational accidents and diseases through innovation and the use of intellectual property tools. We note all information provided and are interested to learn more on how the proposed implementation strategy would help harnessing the positive impact of innovation and IP tools to improve safety of the work conditions.
3. The EU and its Member States are looking forward to the discussion and exchange of views on this project proposal.

Thank you.

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