

Chile

Statement under agenda item 5: General statements

Thank you, Madam Chair,

Our delegation is pleased to see you as Chair of the Committee and joins others in wishing you success in steering this session. We wish to thank you and the Secretariat for your tireless efforts in preparing this meeting. We also wish to thank the Deputy Director General of the Development Sector, Mario Matus, for his skillful leadership in this important sector for our country and region.

Madam Chair,

At the outset, our delegation endorses the statement made by the delegation of Panama on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States. As you know, Chile has actively participated in the Development Agenda process since its inception, including by drafting some of the proposed recommendations that are now part and parcel of the Committee's work.

Chile is of the view that the Committee continues to play a key role in coordinating, promoting and monitoring the implementation of the Development Agenda, which has become all the more significant with the COVID-19 pandemic. The studies and recommendations produced by this Committee help to ensure that the aspect of development is incorporated into all the activities of WIPO, in particular to the benefit of least developed and developing countries.

While aware of the new challenges that WIPO faces in convening meetings given the current health situation in Geneva, we still expect to make progress, to the extent possible, on projects being implemented and those that will be presented in the course of this session. Our delegation welcomes the progress made in the Committee CDIP in 2019, especially in finding ways of including the Development Agenda projects and programs in the WIPO budget.

Madam Chair,

Our delegation will participate constructively in discussions and invites all Members to continue working in a constructive spirit, taking into account the various needs and sensitivities of other Members, while remaining focused on the fundamental goal of furthering the substantive part of our work.

Lastly, our delegation wishes to its particular gratitude to the Deputy Director General of the Development Sector, Mario Matus, for his outstanding work during his mandate. Chile is proud of his professionalism; he is a shining example of the highly skilled professionals in our country and of our commitment to WIPO.

Thank you.