

**Closing Statement**

*(submitted in writing)*

Madam Chair,

1. The Delegation of Malawi is honoured to take the floor once again and wishes to align itself with the position expressed by Algeria on behalf of the Africa Group. My delegation thanks you and your Vice Chairs for your hard work steering the work of this committee as well as the Secretariat for its successful execution of this committee's first full session.
2. Madam Chair, my delegation wishes to reiterate the importance of instituting a review of the Technical Assistance rendered to member states by WIPO in order to evaluate progress made and thereby ensure the continuous improvement of the organizational arrangements for the management and delivery of development co-operation activities with a view to adapting them to the national needs and circumstances of the beneficiary countries so as to optimize their impact on national development. It is only appropriate to do so in order to take stock of changes and developments that have occurred since the last review in 2011 such as climate change and the Covid 19 pandemic which dictate an urgent re-calibration of the same. This agenda item sits at the core of the Committee's mandate and its importance to all member states, especially developing countries, cannot be over-emphasized.
3. Malawi also wishes to express its strong desire to see the International Conference on IP and Development convention extended after the 2023 period as this forum continues the important dialogue around the important role played by IP in the development of member states.
4. Madam Chair, the delegation of Malawi wishes to thank all members states for continuing to engage constructively in the various discussions we have had this week.

I thank you and wish all delegations the best of health and safe travels.