

Agenda Item 9 (v)**Report on the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations****Doc. WO/GA/55/5**

Madam Chair,

1. The Czech Republic is honoured to take the floor on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. We would like to express our continued support for the important work of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property. We are pleased that the Committee has been fulfilling its mandate during the last period, despite the constraints arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, the EU and its Member States welcome WIPO's active engagement in the global partnerships with relevant UN agencies, other intergovernmental organisations and non-governmental stakeholders, aimed at encouraging IP, innovation and creativity. We would also like to highlight our appreciation of the valuable contribution of WIPO and its Secretariat to the implementation of the SDGs and the associated targets.
2. The EU and its Member States take note of the Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda for the year 2021 and Review of the Implementation of Development Agenda Recommendations. We emphasise the positive developments in the implementation of the Development Agenda projects and technical assistance, which contribute to significant improvements in the intellectual property framework of the beneficiary countries. In this respect, we underline the importance of skills and knowledge building, and the enhancement of infrastructure and platforms, as presented in the report.
3. Besides the high-quality outputs of this Committee, the value of exchanging views, sharing best practices and deliberating on new topics and ideas within the CDIP should not be neglected. In this regard, the participation of dedicated experts from the Member States and other observer organisations in the sessions of the Committee is crucial. Therefore, we were pleased by the presence of representatives of 97 Member States and 20 observers at the last session, as well as by the attendance of 1 300 participants at the two-day International Conference on IP and Development on the theme 'Innovation in Green Technologies for Sustainable Development' during CDIP 27.

4. The Committee has proved its dedication to IP- and technology-related issues for development in a changing world. In this respect, we were delighted by the support for the new sub-topic ‘Intellectual Property and Innovation for Sustainable Agriculture’ for the International Conference in 2023. We also welcome the agreement on the two topics ‘IP and youth: investing in the future’ and ‘Addressing Climate Change: IP Helps Achieve the Goals of Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality’, to be addressed under the agenda item ‘IP and Development’ at the 30th and 31st sessions of the CDIP.
5. In conclusion, we appreciate the extensive work performed by the CDIP. We remain committed to contributing to further progress in the Committee’s field, bearing in mind WIPO’s objective of promoting the protection of intellectual property, as reflected in its current Medium-Term Strategic Plan (MTSP).

Thank you.