



Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

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Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair,

My delegation thanks DDG Hasan Kleib for presenting the Report on the CDIP sessions and Director General's report on the implementation of the Development Agenda recommendations. The report is an important means to assess the progress made in the implementation of the Development Agenda and WIPO's contribution towards a balanced IP system.

We also acknowledge the efforts of the Development Agenda Coordination Division and its close cooperation with Member States for the implementation of DA projects as well as ensuring transparency through comprehensive progress reports. Tailor-made and demand-driven solutions to suit a country's specific needs and context are an important contribution by the CDIP in the area of development cooperation.

Under the CDIP umbrella, a project on "Supporting Women Entrepreneurs in Embroidery and Related Crafts Business" was successfully implemented in Pakistan last month. We are keenly following projects in other regions including the Pilot Project on Text and Data Mining (TDM) to support Research and Innovation in Universities in Africa and on Empowering Youth (K-12) to Innovate for a Better Future. We hope these projects can also be replicated in other regions.

Mr. Vice Chair,

The efficacy of the Intellectual Property regime is based on its ability to enhance economic growth and socio-economic development. The work of the CDIP forms an essential part of WIPO's overall mission to develop a balanced and effective international IP system for the benefit of all, as well as for mainstreaming the Development Agenda recommendations.

While my delegation supports the project-based approach, it is crucial that the DA recommendations continue to be mainstreamed in the overall work of the organization. We

reiterate the need for a holistic approach across all WIPO bodies to report on the implementation of the Development Agenda in a similar vein to that reported by the CDIP.

My delegation welcomes WIPO's contribution to the achievement of the 2030 SDGs and the progress made in the achievement of the Development Agenda. As a specialized agency of the United Nations, WIPO has a shared responsibility to promote the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and achievement of the SDGs.

While WIPO's core work remains intrinsically connected with the achievement of SDG 9, innovation is also a key enabler of several other development goals. My delegation is of the view that due attention should also be given to the interconnectedness of WIPO's activities with other SDGs, especially goals 2,3,4,5 and 7.

I thank you.