



## Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

### **Statement by Pakistan, at Twenty Fourth Session of Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) of WIPO, Geneva 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

We would like to congratulate you and the Vice Chairs for assuming the respective roles. We also present our compliments to the Secretariat for preparation of documents for this important meeting.

Progress in the CDIP with effective implementation and continued importance of the Development Agenda and its mainstreaming in all organs of WIPO is crucial. The WIPO Development Agenda emphasizes the need to promote fair balance between Intellectual Property protection and public interest. We appreciate initiatives by Member States and the Secretariat to enhance development dimension in its work, yet there are challenges associated with manner of implementation of Development Agenda Recommendations (DARs) including the appropriateness of the thematic project-based approach, as well as the extent of mainstreaming. In this regard my delegation would like to emphasize the importance of a balanced and effective IP system that caters to the diverse needs of all Member States.

We suggest the Secretariat to devise more tools as part of the DARs and increase scope of its work on IP related flexibilities, access to knowledge and technology with focus on development dimension. We look forward for constructive discussions on Secretariat's proposal on modalities and implementation strategies for the adopted recommendations.

Mr. Chairman,

Technology transfer is another important area to which we attach great importance. Technology transfer is a necessary prerequisite to allow developing countries to develop the necessary capacity to fulfil their obligations, which in turn is essential for inclusive development. Due consideration should be given to the costs imposed by the IP system on the ability of developing countries to meet their development goals and possible ways of mitigating such costs.

Mr. Chairman.

For effective delivery, technical assistance should be responsive to the priorities and needs of developing countries. To enhance effective delivery of technical assistance, the Secretariat should continue to enhance its performance indicator framework to incorporate lessons learned and considering relevant recommendations from in evaluations to strengthen monitoring and assessment of longer-term results of WIPO technical assistance.

Mr. Chairman,

WIPO's role is instrumental in assisting developing countries to benefit from AI tools to participate effectively in collaborative innovation. Considering the importance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its utility for IP offices, WIPO's Advanced Technology Applications Centre (ATAC) has an important role in performing organization's functions by using AI. WIPO should enhance role of ATAC to work with IP offices in assisting them with coherent ICT strategy, management of IP data and the use of AI for IP offices administration.

Mr. Chairman,

Discussions on agenda item of IP and Development with the theme of "Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Innovation and IP" would be useful to have exchange of national experiences on how IP frameworks and innovation policies are helping MSMEs to successfully participate in innovative environment. Future themes on the agenda of IP and development should include more case studies on overcoming challenges in terms of access to technology, cost of IP protection on access to innovative technologies and creative works and its impact on development, particularly in areas such as public health, education, and food security.

We appreciate progress reports for approved projects currently under implementation. As one of the participants on project on increasing the role of Women in Innovation and Entrepreneurship to use Intellectual Property System, Pakistan looks forward to contribute positively for the project.

Mr Chairman,

We look forward for constructive discussion on all agenda items under your able leadership. I assure you full support of my delegation.

I thank you