



**Statement delivered by Mr. Uzair Zahid Shaikh, First Secretary at the
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***Agenda item 4: Monitor, assess, discuss and report on the implementation of all
Development Agenda Recommendations***

Thank you Madam Vice Chair,

As this is the first time we take the floor, we would like to express our confidence in your stewardship of this meeting and assure you of our full support. We thank DDG, Hasan Kleib and Director of the Development Agenda Coordination Division, Mr. Irfan Baloch along with their team at the Secretariat for their hard work in advancing work on the Development Agenda recommendations and organizing this CDIP session.

Pakistan aligns itself with the statement delivered by Iran on behalf of the APG. The adoption of the Development Agenda was an important milestone in achieving the historic aspiration of developing countries to drive a paradigm shift in the international perspective on intellectual property (IP): a shift from viewing IP as an end in itself, to viewing it as a means to serve the larger public goals of social, economic and cultural development. We appreciate WIPO's efforts in the progress achieved in the implementation of the Development Agenda. Pakistan expresses its full support to WIPO in its continued supervision and aim of full implementation of the Development Agenda recommendations.

We particularly appreciate WIPO's project-based approach and thank the secretariat for the preparation of document CDIP/31/3 on ongoing Development Agenda projects for the period from July 2022 to July 2023. My delegation would like to convey its particular satisfaction on the progress made in Empowering Small Businesses Through IP: Developing Strategies for Supporting Geographical Indications or Collective Marks in the Post-registration Period. In Pakistan, the Sindhri mango, a variety of mangoes grown in the Southern part of the country was selected as the GI product for further study on post-registration challenges. We are currently collaborating with WIPO in the implementation phase of the project. We look forward to the conclusion of the study on post-registration

challenges, reviewing its recommendations and organizing a national information event highlighting the report outcomes to conclude the project. Collaborative projects with member states are small strides towards a broader integration of developing countries into the global IP framework and towards the achievement of the Development Agenda.

I thank you.
