

Statement by Salman Khalid Chaudhary, Second Secretary-II under Agenda Item 4a: Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda at the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)

## 16 May 2022

Thank you, Madam Chair

My delegation thanks the Director General for his report on the implementation of the Development Agenda (DA) and DDG Hasan Kleib for its presentation. This report provides as an important overview on mainstreaming and mainstreaming of the DA. Owing to the continued relevance of the DA, we support regular issuance of this report every year.

We take note of the revision of the report's structure as well of the provision of information on link between DA Recommendations and Expected Results. We also take note of the challenges caused by COVID-related restrictions which led to virtual delivery of WIPO's activities. My delegation looks forward to resumption of in-person capacity-building and training activities in 2022.

My delegation appreciates the work carried out by various sectors of the Organization. We appreciate the change in approach by the Regional and National Development Sector with seeks to ensure concrete outcomes and maximizing the developmental impact of its initiatives on the ground.

My delegation also commends the Brands and Designs Sector for its valuable work during 2021. We commend the sector for successful organization of Virtual Exhibition on Geographical Indications. We hope that this exhibition could be organized in an in-person format in the current biennium.

## **Madam Chair**

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

Thank you.