



**Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN
Geneva**

**Statement by Pakistan at the 34th Session of the Committee on Development of
Intellectual Property (CDIP)**

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**Agenda item 6 (b) Project on the Development of Strategies and Tools to Address
Cross-Border Trade in Counterfeit Trademark Goods in Developing Countries –
Project Proposal Submitted by the United Kingdom (Document CDIP/34/4)**

Thank you Madam Chair,

This statement is being delivered in Pakistan's national capacity.

Pakistan appreciates the efforts of the delegation of the United Kingdom towards improving the IP enforcement landscape in cross-border trade. The project proposal on Development of Strategies and Tools to Address Cross-Border Trade in Counterfeit Trademark Goods in Developing Countries, aims to address a persistent challenge. My delegation is of the view that the proposal could be made more balanced by incorporating necessary development safeguards and better reflecting the principles of the WIPO Development Agenda.

We share the concerns highlighted by other delegations regarding the risk of over-enforcement in countries where informal markets are vital for livelihoods. The proposal must take account of sustainable trade practices, TRIPS flexibilities and protection for legitimate practices such as parallel imports.

Pakistan believes that projects under the CDIP must have a clear alignment with the Development Agenda. In this regard, we believe that certain revisions to incorporate development-sensitive enforcement and public interest safeguards are necessary before an appropriate consideration of the project proposal.

We remain open to further consultation and dialogue on the proposal.

I thank you.