



## Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

### Statement by Pakistan

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#### Agenda Item: Regional and National Development Sector

Thank you, Chair.

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

We recognize the important work of the **Copyright and Creative Industries Sector**, particularly in promoting the value of creative industries, assistance in the development of CMOs and supporting Member States in developing appropriate legal, institutional, and policy frameworks. We encourage continued technical assistance and assistance in strengthening the copyright infrastructure and better support local creators and cultural industries.

My delegation also appreciates the Regional and National Development Sector for its continued and strategic efforts in implementing WIPO's Development Agenda and contributing to the broader Sustainable Development Goals.

We particularly welcome the Sector's work in:

- Promoting the use of TRIPS flexibilities to ensure balanced and development-oriented IP systems; formation and strengthening of National IP strategies and national and regional capacity-building initiatives, especially through technical assistance in the establishment of IPTIs and courses offered by the WIPO academy.

The Delegation of Pakistan also values the important role played by the **Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)**, and encourages sectors across WIPO to continue aligning its workstreams with the recommendations emerging from the CDIP, in line with the Development Agenda.

Mr. Chair,

We suggest that the following measures can be undertaken to further strengthen the Sector's important work:

1. **The transparency and detail in classification of development expenditure** can be enhanced with clear breakdowns by thematic area and type of support (training, advisory, equipment), would better reflect impact and ensure targeted support.
2. **Performance indicators could also be expanded to indicate specific alignment with SDGs beyond user satisfaction**, to include more precise and measurable development outcomes.

Pakistan believes that a strengthened and well-resourced Regional and National Development Sector is essential to fulfilling WIPO's development mandate and to contribute to the SDGs as part of the UN family.

I thank you.