

(Agenda 14) WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Including Domain Names Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO: Sixty-Third Series of Meetings

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to the Secretariat for their hard work.

With developments in technology and the IP industry, the scale, frequency and complexity of IP and related disputes have also been increasing. As international disputes as well as domestic disputes have been on the rise, the significance of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) measures is even more emphasized, possibly as a less costly and more expedient means of resolving disputes, not only relying upon the existing judicial measures.

In this regard, the Republic of Korea acknowledges the importance of arbitration and mediation as part of ADR services and supports the activities of the WIPO AMC that aims to promote ADR services.

In November 2018, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism signed an MOU with the WIPO with regard to the establishment of Korea Funds-in-Trust for the promotion of ADR services. Through this Funds-in-Trust for Copyright, the Ministry and WIPO have collaborated in implementing projects and activities such as the WIPO-MCST promotion scheme, Mediators' Workshop, and Mediation Seminar.

In November 2021, The MCST, together with the WIPO, held a presentation of the results of a survey titled "Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms for Business-to-Business (B2B) Digital Copyright- and Content-Related Disputes".

Since most respondents are legal professionals at copyright and content companies or law firms around the world, the results of this study are expected

to serve as useful basic data for finding appropriate solutions in disputes over content such as games, music, and films.

The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Korea will strive to promote active cooperation with the WIPO A&M Center.

Thank you very much.