

**General statement by the delegation of Bangladesh in the 25<sup>th</sup> CDIP to be  
delivered by Permanent Representative of Bangladesh Ambassador H.E. Mr.  
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

To begin, we align ourselves with the statement delivered by my delegation earlier on behalf of APG. Bangladesh is happy to see you preside over the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the CDIP and hopes to work toward the successful outcome of this session under your able guidance.

Mr. Chair,

We acknowledge and appreciate the continuing important role the CDIP is playing to define and illustrate how IP could promote innovation and development. We commend CDIP's efforts in spearheading the activities of WIPO in line with the development agenda recommendations.

Mr. Chair,

The issue of technical assistance to the Member States has emerged as one of the key focus of our deliberations in WIPO. Now, the areas of technical assistance need to be further expanded beyond raising IP awareness and capacity building. Technical assistance should focus on overarching development challenges of the developing countries and LDCs including but not limited to environment and climate change, public health, food security, and so on in a specific manner.

Mr. Chair,

We wish to underline particularly the interconnectedness of IP and the environment. We appreciate the WIPO for its support to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in the implementation of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism and the initiative of WIPO Green. Such collaboration is useful and timely considering the increasing importance of the nexus between IP related works and sustainability. This is especially vital for the climate vulnerable Member States. Therefore, WIPO may examine how IP could

contribute in an effective way to the protection of the environment in developing countries and the LDCs based on their need and capacity.

Mr. Chair,

The multifaceted adverse impacts of the ongoing pandemic on economic growth and development are already evident across the world, while health care and access to COVID-19 vaccines/medicines to be developed remain the utmost priority. To that end, we need to be careful, considerate, and compassionate about the dynamics between IP and health. We believe that the WIPO can play a robust role in the IP-related health policy issues with its resources, expertise, and experiences in coordination with other relevant multilateral entities like WHO, WTO, and so on. As a developing country in transition, we expect more substantive discussions on IP and health under the purview of the WIPO.

Mr. Chair,

Bangladesh is expecting to graduate from the LDC category by 2024. Consequently, innovation as well as the use of appropriate technology in development efforts bears great significance for the country. The need to establish and promote an innovation-friendly IP environment with able management would continue to exist beyond the graduation phase. Hence, effective delivery, as well as designing and planning of time-bound tailored programs for graduating LDCs to help them address the challenges both before and after graduation, need to be considered in relevant WIPO actions. We believe that CDIP as the most important IP and development related forum of the organisation can play an instrumental and guiding role in this connection.

Mr. Chair,

It is encouraging to see the good collaboration between the Organisation and the Member States, particularly the increasing cooperation with national IP offices. Extending such engagement with other relevant national agencies also would be productive, particularly in developing countries like Bangladesh. We are ready to facilitate such efforts with our national agencies. There should be more attention

and coordination by the Secretariat in reducing gaps among the respective stakeholders.

Mr. Chair,

To conclude, Bangladesh would like to reaffirm its commitment to CDIP and its activities in implementing the development agenda and looks forward to more engagements with the organisation in this regard.

We look forward to engaging in the individual agenda items along with our regional group and, in our national capacity, as appropriate.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.

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