

Agenda Item 5

General/Opening Statement

(to be submitted in writing)

Chair,

1. Germany is honoured to take the floor on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. We look forward to working efficiently under the able guidance of you and your Vice-Chairs during this week.
2. The EU and its Member States remain committed to further progress in the field of IP and development, particularly in light of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We support the continued implementation of the 45 Development Agenda Recommendations in a balanced and consensus-driven manner and are pleased that this Committee is able to continue its important work, after it had to be postponed in May due to the crisis. Against this background, we would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for their excellent work in preparing and organising this first CDIP session in a hybrid format.
3. The EU and its Member States welcome the Reports under agenda item 6 on the implementation of Development Agenda Recommendations. We are pleased to take note that the Development Agenda Recommendations have been further implemented and mainstreamed into WIPO's regular program activities and into the work of other WIPO bodies. According to Part II of the Director General's Report, contained in document CDIP/25/2, WIPO completed and evaluated 34 DA projects to date. We see this considerable number as a great success of the Committee's hard work.

4. The EU and its Member States appreciate the Reports on WIPO's Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development, consisting of the Report on the Webinars on Technical Assistance in document CDIP/25/3 and the associated Evaluation Report in document CDIP/25/4. Again, we would like to reiterate that technical assistance and the DA projects are central for this Committee's work and can lead to substantial improvements in the IP frameworks of the beneficiary countries.
5. Coming to the agenda item 'IP and Development', the EU and its Member States would like to emphasise the high value that discussions under this agenda item have for the work of this Committee, by enabling an important exchange of experiences and best practices among Member States. We welcome the progress achieved at the last session in identifying well-balanced and forward-looking topics for the following three sessions. With regard to this session's topic 'IP and Creative Economy' the EU and its Member States look forward to following and engaging actively in the upcoming discussions.
6. Chair, the EU and its Member States will continue to engage constructively in the discussions we have ahead of us and count on the active and cooperative participation of all Member States to make this session a success.

Thank you.