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Statement by Tunisia at the 25th Session of the Committee on Development and Intellectual
Property

Agenda item 5: General Statements

Mr. Chair,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by Zimbabwe on behalf of the African Group and congratulates you and the Vice-Chairs on your election to preside over this 25th Session of CDIP.

We are confident that, under your able guidance, the Committee will make the expected progress on the items on its agenda.

My delegation would also like to thank Director General Daren Tang for his introductory remarks and opening statement, as well as the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for its outstanding efforts in preparing this session and the detailed documents before us.

Mr. Chair,

At the outset, Tunisia wishes to underscore the importance it attaches to the Committee's work and the items on its agenda. It also wishes to thank the Secretariat for its efforts in ensuring the continuity of the work of the various intellectual property services despite the exceptional circumstances created by the pandemic.

With regard to monitoring, assessing and reviewing the implementation of all the WIPO Development Agenda recommendations, Tunisia takes note of the relevant report and thanks the Secretariat for its detailed information. The report provides a comprehensive overview of the implementation and mainstreaming of the Development Agenda into the regular program activities of WIPO and the work of other WIPO bodies, and also describes key developments in the implementation of the ongoing projects in this context.

In this respect, my delegation welcomes the commitment of WIPO to mainstreaming its Development Agenda into the Organization's activities. We note with satisfaction that the proposed program and budget for the 2020/21 biennium has been enhanced to indicate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to which each of the WIPO programs contribute. We

believe that implementation of the recommendations should be inclusive, benefiting all, and we value the efforts made by WIPO to implement the recommendations, in line with the Committee's request to link the Development Agenda recommendations to expected results.

Mr. Chair,

My delegation attaches great importance to technical assistance and technology transfer. The series of webinars that was organized and the related evaluation report were successful and extremely useful, given that the themes selected were essentially linked to technical assistance.

Tunisia welcomes the Organization's commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and their associated targets, its considerable efforts to contribute to that end and the regularity with which it prepares related reports.

We wish to thank Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates, El Salvador and Peru for the project proposals that they have presented.

Lastly, we hope that this session, with the cooperation of the different parties, will further progress in the area of the development and intellectual property.

Thank you.