

**Agenda Item 5**

**General Statement**

*(submitted in writing)*

Chair,

1. The Delegation of Malawi is honoured to take the floor and wishes to align itself with the statement made by South Africa on behalf of the Africa Group. We congratulate you on your re-election as Chair, as well as the election of your Vice Chairs and renew our commitment to work constructively with your committee during your tenure.
2. We would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for their excellent work in preparing this session, in particular regarding the supporting documentation for the wide range of issues we have on the agenda. We hope all delegations will participate in these deliberation in a positive and cooperative manner in order to make this session a success.
3. The delegation of Malawi is pleased to take note of the Secretariat's Report on progress towards the implementation of WIPO's Development Agenda as contained in document CDIP/27/2 on the agenda before the present session of this important committee.
4. Malawi supports the revised Project Proposal submitted by Brazil under Agenda Item CDIP/27/7(b) and looks forward to its successful implementation and the dissemination of recommendations and lessons drawn therefrom which will also benefit our SMEs by empowering them with the know-how necessary for them to use IP to leverage our unique national offering on the global market. We hope that these will lead towards the development of a wider project of a similar nature from which Malawi and other members of the Africa Group can benefit.
5. We thank the Secretariat for the diligent work under the agenda item 8 "IP and Development: The role of Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) as a catalyst for Technology Transfer: Opportunities and Challenges," which will contribute to an important exchange of experiences and best practices amongst Member States and impact our national TISC Network positively. We also thank the Delegations of Guinea and Algeria for sharing the opportunities and challenges faced in their implementation of

the TISC project in their countries. We look forward to the implementation of further capacity building initiatives under this crucial project and hope to not only expand our national TISC Network but also increase the diversity of institutions under the network.

6. Chair, the delegation of Malawi will continue to engage constructively in the various discussions we have ahead of us this week.

Thank you.