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**Statement by Ms. Vivienne Katjuongua
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Namibia aligns itself with the statement delivered by Algeria on behalf of the African Group.

My delegation would like to thank Secretariat for preparations of the Report of the CDIP. My delegation considers the work of the CDIP to be of utmost importance to positioning intellectual property system as a catalyst for national development agenda and therefore follows the work with keen interest.

The challenge of unlimited national needs demands prioritization in keeping with sustainable development goals; therefore, it is essential that the IP system serves as a driver of socio-economic development. This delegation therefore supports the work of this Committee as a mechanism to advance a balanced and pro-development IP system.

Namibia is pleased to participate in the projects which enhances the development of the IP ecosystem in Namibia, in particular, the Projects on Women & Youth Entrepreneurs, capacity building initiatives, such as the IP Judges Forum; smart IP Institutions, Balanced enforcement mechanism, and Technology and Innovation Support Centers.

My delegation, further, looks forward to cooperating with WIPO on the role of IP in the development of the Green hydrogen, and oil and gas sectors; the role of the future IP Office; development of the IP and innovation Ecosystem to drive enterprise growth especially for SMEs; and data mining and analytics.

Lastly, Namibia remains committed to advance and promote the work of this Committee for a balanced and pro-development IP system.

I Thank You.