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INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference was concerned with the following items of the Consolidated Agenda (document AB/XXIV/1 Rev.): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 15, 16, 19, 21, 23, 24 and 25.
2. The report on the said items, with the exception of item 5, is contained in the General Report (document AB/XXIV/18).
3. The report on item 5 is contained in the present document.
4. Mr. Gao Lulin (China) was elected Chairman of the Conference.

ITEM 5 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA:

EXAMINATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE 1992 PERMANENT COMMITTEES  
ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (PC/IP AND PC/CR) AND OF THE REPORTS  
OF THE 1993 WORKING GROUPS OF THE PC/IP AND PC/CR

5. Discussions were based on documents WO/CF/XII/1 and 3.

6. The Delegation of Romania expressed its appreciation for the well-defined, concrete and dynamic activities undertaken within the framework of the Permanent Program for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property. It stressed Romania's interest in those activities as a developing country with the particularity of being in transition to a market economy, and expressed the hope that it would benefit from the activities of the Permanent Program in the future. As a member of the Working Group of the PC/IP, its Delegation had proposed that WIPO establish a separate program and budget that would enable countries in transition to market economy to receive development cooperation assistance without detracting from the prospects of other countries benefitting under the Permanent Program. The Delegation reiterated this proposal.

7. The Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), noting the various references in the working documents to his Organization's constrained resource position, confirmed that voluntary contributions to UNDP in the Fifth Programming Cycle (1992-1996) had so far fallen well short of the eight percent annual growth target earlier set by the Governing Council. He emphasized that the resulting drop in UNDP resources channelled through WIPO reflected these overall constraints, and not declining interest on the part of UNDP in development cooperation in the field of intellectual property. The resource outlook remained bleak, and it was therefore essential for delegations to impress upon their governments the urgency of increasing contributions to UNDP.

8. The Delegation of Chile said that its country had found the first meetings of the Working Groups of the PC/IP and PC/CR very useful and drew attention to the conclusions of the reports of those meetings which, according to the Delegation, indicated that the Working Groups had achieved the results expected at the time of the establishment of those Groups.

9. The Delegations of Sweden and Israel expressed their satisfaction with the activities of WIPO undertaken under its permanent program for development cooperation related to copyright and neighboring rights. They stressed particularly the importance and usefulness of three aspects of those activities, namely the preparation of model laws and draft laws for national legislation; teaching of copyright and neighboring rights; and the establishment and application of efficient enforcement mechanisms. In the latter respect, they said that WIPO should continue to broaden its activities to inform and train officials responsible for the enforcement of copyright and neighboring rights, such as policemen, customs officials, prosecutors and judges, by organizing specialized courses, seminars and other training programs.

10. The Representative of BIEM supported the statements made by the Delegations of Sweden and Israel.

11. The WIPO Conference noted the contents of documents WO/CF/XII/1 and 3, as well as the various comments made by the delegations that spoke on this agenda item.

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