

**Item 18. Report on the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)
and
Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations
(WO/GA/50/7)**

Mr. Chair,

1. The CEBS Group extends its thanks to the CDIP Chairs, Ambassador Walid Doudech, for guiding the 20th session, and Ambassador Hasan Kleib, for guiding the 21st session of this Committee. Our thanks also goes to the Secretariat's work on CDIP matters and DDG Mario Matus for his presentation.
2. The CEBS Group recognizes the importance of the work carried out by the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and takes note of the report of the Committee. Furthermore, the CEBS group believes that the Development Agenda is incorporated into the work of WIPO as an important integral part.
3. We appreciate the work which leads to the implementation of the 45 adopted Development Agenda Recommendations and discusses IP and development-related issues. We remain committed to working towards implementing the Development Agenda Recommendations in an appropriate manner and see progress made in this regard.
4. However, the CEBS Group strongly believes that WIPO plays and shall continue to play a central role in ensuring functioning of a balanced and effective international intellectual property system that supports creativity and innovation. Thus, we encourage the Member States to make a good use of the IP system while pursuing their development goals.
5. The CEBS Members welcome results of two last CDIP sessions that adopted a number of interesting and meaningful projects, in particular on technology transfer and on women and IP. We strongly believe, that the most effective are demand-driven projects and encourage the membership to come up with further proposals that correspond their particular needs.
6. The CEBS Group supports a start of our work under agenda item on IP and development from examining topics "Women and IP" and "Technological changes and their implications on Intellectual Property Rights", that are highly relevant nowadays.
7. CEBS Group notes that at the last session of CDIP we were very close to achieving a compromise solution as regards proposal of the African Group on Biennial Organization of an International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development. We hope that the positive spirit of compromise will prevail at the next CDIP session thus allowing to adopt universally acceptable decision on this pending issue.
8. Mr. Chair, the CEBS Group regrets that at the last CDIP session we were unable to close recommendations 5 and 11 of the Independent Review. We are of the opinion that the recommendation 5 have already been implemented, while implementation of the recommendation 11 shall be considered as sufficient and no further action is needed. We hope that during the next CDIP session we will be able to close this long-standing item.
9. By concluding, Mr. Chair, we remain committed to further work of the CDIP giving particular attention to demand driven projects.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.