

Agenda Item 13 (iv)

Report on the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations

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Delegation of Spain on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to express our continued commitment and support to the important work carried out by the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property. We are pleased to note that the Committee has successfully followed its mandate and through the mainstreaming of the Development Agenda (DA) across WIPO sectors, as well as adoption of new DA projects, WIPO have responded to current development-related needs of Member States during 2022. The Committee has also successfully advanced discussions on various IP and development related issues, as agreed by the Committee or by the General Assembly.
2. The EU and its Member States take note of the Director General's Report on the implementation of the Development Agenda for the year 2022 and Review of the implementation of Development Agenda Recommendations. We are pleased to note that by the end of 2022 48 DA projects had been approved by Committee. We also note with great appreciation the wide range of technical assistance activities that have been provided, which we believe have contributed significantly to the improvements in the intellectual property frameworks of the beneficiary countries.
3. The EU and its Member States note with appreciation the work on women and IP and the projects to increase the role of women in innovation. Promoting gender equality is a high priority for the European Union as it will not only benefit the individuals but all countries and all levels of society. We are also pleased to note that the series of sharing session on "Closing the Gender Gap in IP", which looked at the barriers that women face in accessing the IP system, as well as explored the good practices and existing multi-stakeholder initiatives in this domain, was attended by over 300 participants from over 110 countries.

4. We note that the International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development with the sub-topic 'Intellectual Property and Innovation for Sustainable Agriculture' organised in the context of the DA and CDIP was well-attended and illustrated the importance of IP tools to support innovation and development in a changing world. The conference brought together speakers from IGOs, NGOs, governments, academia, and the private sector to exchanging views about the challenges that the agricultural sector is facing in view of the current global climate crisis, and how IP and innovation, including geographical indications, can help to address those challenges.
5. In conclusion, we acknowledge the extensive and successful work performed by the CDIP. We remain committed to contributing to further progress in the Committee's field, bearing in mind WIPO's objective to promote the protection of intellectual property throughout the world, including through the cooperation among its Member States.

Thank you.