

AGENDA ITEM 13(iv)

REPORTS FROM WIPO COMMITTEES

CENTRAL EUROPEAN AND BALTIC STATES GROUP (CEBS)

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Madam Chair,

1. The CEBS Group would like to express our thanks to the CDIP Chair, H.E. Mr. Khalil Hasmi, of Pakistan and his Vice-Chairs for chairing CDIP 30th session. We also extend gratitude to Ms. Patricia Benedetti, for guiding the 29th CDIP meeting. Our thanks also go to the Secretariat for their work on CDIP matters.
2. We recognize the importance of the work carried out by the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) as the Committee has been constantly working on many useful and interesting projects and activities covering different areas of Intellectual Property, including in light of the promotion of strengthening the role of Women and Youth in IP. We also take note of the report of the Committee.
3. The CEBS Group notes with satisfaction that the Development Agenda is incorporated into the work of WIPO as an important integral part, even more when WIPO has joined the UN Sustainable Development Group gathering all UN entities working to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.
4. The CEBS Group welcomes the results of two last CDIP sessions that adopted some meaningful projects (e.g. on. IP and Gastronomic Tourism in Peru and Other Developing Countries, on Empowering Youth to Innovate for a Better Future, on development of Strategies and Tools to Address Online Copyright Piracy in the African Digital Market, on Text and Data Mining (TDM) to Support Research and Innovation in Universities and Other Research, on Reducing Work-Related Accidents and Occupational Diseases through Innovation and IP and expansion of the Project on Enhancing the Use of IP for Mobile Applications in the Software Sector). While expressing our satisfaction on these outcomes we strongly believe that the most effective projects are demand-driven ones and we encourage the Member States to come up with

further proposals that correspond to their particular needs. We also emphasize the need of focusing the projects related to WIPO mandate.

5. We express gratitude and look forward to the prompt finalization on the work related to the Future Webinars as well as on the Proposal by the African Group for an Independent External Review of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development.
6. Following the Director General's Report, we take also positive note of the broad spectrum of the mainstreamed and ongoing projects included in the report, which are divided according to the relevant sectors. It is useful to see the linkages between the Development Agenda Recommendations and the WIPO's Expected Results as reflected in DG's report too.
7. At the same time, we are glad that, based on the active involvement of the CEBS countries, the Committee agreed under agenda item IP and Development on the two recent topics "*IP and Youth: investing in the future*" held at the 30th session "*Addressing Climate Change: IP Helps Achieve the Goals of Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality*", scheduled for the 31st session.
8. We are grateful for the discussion held on 30th CDIP session related to promoting and enhancing the role of Women in IP. We see the need to further explore possibilities of supporting greater engagement of Women in Innovation. Creative sectors as well as IP. As the 30th CDIP discussion coincided with the celebration of World IP Day, which this year was dedicated to the role of Women and, we strongly support development of tools and programs aiming at enhancing the role of women in accelerating innovation and creativity.
9. We also like to thank and congratulate WIPO and the organisers for an interesting and inspiring discussion on the sub-topic "*Intellectual Property and Innovation for Sustainable Agriculture*", held on 26th April, 2023 within the framework of the International Conference.
10. Moreover, the CEBS Group finds the discussions under the agenda item "IP and Development" extremely relevant and supports the activities in this direction. We are ready to further develop the agenda of CDIP with an aim to WIPO's optimum engagement if fulfilling SDGs.

11. Finally, we would like to underline that WIPO should continue to play central role in ensuring functioning of intellectual property system that supports creativity and innovation on the global level. Thus, we encourage the Member States to make a good use of the IP system while pursuing their development goals.
12. By concluding, let me assure you, Madam Chair, of the CEBS commitment to further work of the CDIP.

Thank you.