Mr Chair,

Dear Deputy Director General,

Poland supports the statements made on behalf of the European Union and the Group of Central European and Baltic States. We join everyone in recognizing the concrete and important work carried out by this Committee contributing to the statement of the Development Goals and spurring economic growth.

Poland belongs to the group of countries with a profound experience in the economic transition. In the era of globalized world development has no national limits and IP, being no longer a purely legal or technical matter can be a very important tool in ensuring growth and prosperity across various participants of our economies.

This is a lesson learned by Poland throughout our economic transition and we stand ready to share our experience and lesson learned which may be useful for the WIPO-related matters.

For us, a significant role is played among others by the WIPO Academy which grew into a very important and globally recognized program bringing IP closer to numerous stakeholders from all over the world.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the WIPO for the opportunity of participating in a wide catalog of training, courses and postgraduate programs that expand the skills and expertise of our trademark and patent examiners as well as other IP professionals. Poland actively participated in the celebration of the World IP Day by organizing a dedicated conference in Warsaw entitled *Sustainable Development Goals in the Intellectual Property Protection System*.

Mr. Chair, Poland recognizes the importance of concrete and effective initiatives and programs developed within the CDIP Committee and looks forward to further meaningful IP projects and the Development Agenda undertakings for the benefit of creators, innovators and entrepreneurs worldwide.