

Statement of the Delegation of Ukraine under Agenda Item 14
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Dear Mr Chair, Dear Assistant Director General

The Delegation of Ukraine thanks the Secretariat for the preparation of an advanced report on activities of the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, including Domain Names.

We would like to underline the importance of the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Centre and the positive impact of its activities on the global IP community as well as on national economies, serving as an example of high quality IP enforcement services and as a centre of competence and cooperation.

In Ukraine, we are also seeing a growing interest in the use of alternative dispute resolution as a fast, reliable and affordable way to protect IP rights.

In response to this interest, we continue to develop the IP Mediation Centre at the Ukrainian IP Office under the umbrella of the WIPO-Ukraine Memorandum of Understanding on Alternative Dispute Resolution, using best practices and guidelines developed by WIPO.

The Centre provides IP mediation services, which include organisation of training events for mediation and technical support of IP mediation services.

The Centre already has 9 top mediators in IP and business mediation on board.

A separate area of the Centre's activity is educational activities aimed at uniting the professional community and consolidating the efforts of partners to develop mediation in the IP field. The Centre has organised 12 educational events to support the development of IP mediation.

The IP Mediation Centre Discussion Club was established to bring together the professional community and discuss current issues and challenges of IP mediation in Ukraine. The Discussion Club currently includes 40 leading mediators, attorneys, lawyers and patent attorneys of Ukraine.

We would like to emphasize the importance of WIPO's assistance with an aim of developing effective and tailored national laws and enforcement practices and express our further interest in close cooperation with WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center.

Thank you.