

**25th Session of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)
of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**

GENERAL STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA

Thank you very much, Mr. Chair,

1. We are pleased to see you chairing this meeting and would like to thank the Secretariat for its efforts in preparing it.
2. The Republic of Argentina aligns itself with the statement made by Panama on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.
3. Mr. Chair, this session is being held in exceptional circumstances. Governments and the private sector around the world are focusing on containing the COVID-19 pandemic, adopting appropriate health measures and finding medical solutions to the pandemic. At the same time, they are endeavouring to revive the economy, which has been heavily impacted. Those concerns figure highly in the deliberations of many international organizations and WIPO now has an historic opportunity to contribute to the discussion and lay the groundwork for a prompt economic recovery for the common good.
4. As a specialized agency of the United Nations system, WIPO should promote a balanced approach to intellectual property, incorporating the aspect of development and ensuring the cross-cutting implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the 45 recommendations of the Development Agenda for WIPO.
5. We believe that intellectual property helps to foster innovation in countries and contributes to their economic, social and cultural development. The post-pandemic world will require a resilient and balanced IP system ensuring that the protection of IP rights goes hand in hand with access to health and nutrition and with the transfer and dissemination of knowledge and technology, in line with national policies promoting the public interest in key national sectors.
6. In conclusion, Mr. Chair, Argentina wishes you every success in leading the session and assures you of our full support in that regard.

Thank you.