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Statement by Ecuador**

Item 6 (c) Report on WIPO's Contribution to the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and its Associated Targets (CDIP/25/6)

Madam Chair,

At the outset, my delegation wishes to congratulate you and the Vice-Chair on your election. We endorse the statement made by the delegation of Panama on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

Ecuador welcomes the report on the contribution of WIPO to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and to their related targets (CDIP/25/6).

We take note of the report and the activities mentioned therein, in particular with regard to assistance provided by WIPO to Member States, including Ecuador, upon their request.

We thank WIPO for helping Ecuador to participate in its ePCT-Filing program and for providing the related training. The tool will greatly facilitate PCT application filings by Ecuadoran nationals and residents, who can now choose the country's national intellectual property office (SENADI) as the ePCT receiving office and file their international applications electronically.

With regard to the Project on Intellectual Property, Tourism and Culture and its implementation in Ecuador, steps are being taken to further institutionalize intellectual property in academia by, for example, including it in the curriculum for an undergraduate tourism degree. The paper drafted on the subject is being considered as a tool for learning about and managing intellectual property rights in the tourism and culture sectors.

Ecuador remains committed to constructively supporting proposals aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in a cross-cutting and comprehensive manner, with a particular focus, supported by intellectual property, on ensuring access to essential medicines, education and gender equality as part of the development of society.

Thank you.