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General Statement

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Thank you Madam Chair.

We are delighted to see you again chairing over this important Committee. Let me assure you of our constructive engagement and cooperation during the committee's proceedings. We also would like to extend our appreciation to the Secretariat for preparation of this meeting. My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by India on behalf of the Asia and the Pacific Group.

Technical assistance and capacity building activities should always be development-oriented. The Committee could help to strengthen technical cooperation to empower countries to use the IP system as a contributing factor for achieving their development goals and increasing their levels of innovation in the global economy. In this context, technical assistance should focus on implementing national IP strategies and exploring flexibilities contained in the international IP system.

Madam chair

WIPO General Assembly had adopted a decision in 2010 regarding establishment of a coordination mechanism pursuant to which relevant WIPO bodies are required to report on their implementation of the Development Agenda to the General Assembly and

the same report is to be transmitted to the CDIP. However, in recent years, most WIPO bodies have not reported to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Development. In the light of the said decision of the General Assembly that had established such reporting requirements under the coordination mechanism for the implementation of the DA, this issue should be duly brought to the attention of the General Assembly.

Madam Chair

In the area of capacity-building, mitigation of the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is of great importance. WIPO as one of the UN specialized agency is fairly expected to continue and strengthen its active engagement in global activities of the UN family to respond to the pandemic. We note WIPO participation in WTO activities on public health, although we do believe that joint initiatives with WTO and WHO require tangible measures to accelerate equitable and affordable access to COVID-19 vaccines and medicines. We expect greater role of WIPO in tackling the pandemic consequences and finding solutions, in particular in area Covid-19 treatment and vaccines and post pandemic economic recovery for biuldig back better.

In the WTO TRIPS Council discussions have been taking place on the interface of intellectual property in relation to COVID-19 response measures, focusing on access to technologies necessary for responding to COVID-19 and IP related issues for the same. In this context, it is critical that such a discussion takes place in the CDIP.

I thank you Madam Chair