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MEMBER STATES' RESPONSE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL REVIEW OF WIPO'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

prepared by the Secretariat

1. The Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP), at its thirty-fourth session held in May 2025, under Agenda Item 5 (i), discussed the Independent External Review of WIPO's Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development (document [CDIP/33/4 CORR.](#)) and the Secretariat's Response on the Status of the Recommendations of the Independent External Review of WIPO's Technical Assistance (document [CDIP/34/8](#)).
2. As described in paragraph 6 of the document [CDIP/34/SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR](#), the Committee decided "*to continue the discussion on the External Review and the status of its recommendations at its following session. Proposals for Category B – Recommendations that merit further consideration, and Category C – Recommendations that are already reflected in WIPO activities but still merit further considerations, as contained in document CDIP/34/8, should be sent to the Secretariat by August 4, 2025, to be discussed at the next Committee session*".
3. Accordingly, the Secretariat sent out the communication to Group Coordinators requesting submission of inputs by August 4, 2025. The deadline of the submission was then extended to September 5, 2025, following a request from Member States.
4. Before the extended deadline, the Secretariat received two submissions from the delegations of France and the Russian Federation, respectively, which are reproduced in the Annex to this document.

5. *The Committee is invited to consider the information contained in the Annex to the present document.*

[Annex follows]

**SUBMISSION OF INPUTS ON CATEGORY B AND CATEGORY C RECOMMENDATIONS
CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT CDIP/34/8**

(in the order submitted)

I. SUBMISSION FROM THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE (ORIGINAL IN FRENCH):

Following your message below, the French Delegation would like to share with the Secretariat a few comments, which are summarized below.

- The French Delegation would first like to thank the Secretariat for preparing document CDIP/34/8.
- The Delegation notes that all of the recommendations presented in Annex I of the aforementioned document and listed in categories B (recommendations that merit further consideration) and C (recommendations that are already reflected in WIPO activities but still merit further consideration) will be assessed by the Secretariat.
- The Delegation will be able to provide more detailed comments after the Secretariat shares the results of its assessment to Member States.
- The French Delegation is a firm supporter of using intellectual property strategically for growth and development, and encourages improved collaboration between different treaties, between regional divisions, between Development Agenda projects, and between regional divisions and external offices (recommendation 9, category B), in order to have an overall view of WIPO projects by theme and by country and to avoid duplication.
- Peer-to-peer experience sharing (recommendation 11) is an essential tool for capacity-building and should continue to be encouraged.

As noted above, our Delegation will be able to make further comments once the assessments carried out by the Secretariat have been shared with Member States.

II. SUBMISSION FROM THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION:

In accordance with the request of the Secretariat, the Russian Federation would like to provide its input for Category C in the document CDIP/34/8 and to draw attention to Recommendation 24.

We fully agree with the idea that to enhance the effectiveness in the delivery of capacity building related to Technical Assistance, it is recommended that WIPO and Member States develop modalities to strengthen monitoring and evaluation of joint projects between WIPO and Member States. In this context, we find it necessary to indicate the role of the WIPO Internal Oversight Department (IOD) in conducting such kinds of evaluation activities. Moreover, this would be in line with the spirit of the recently adopted Program of Work and Budget for 2026/27, which outlines clear intention to improve WIPO evaluation function.

In addition, in accordance with the Standards for Evaluation in the UN System of UNEG, it would be worthwhile to involve the Member States themselves more actively in evaluation activities (and not just the project managers themselves or some kind of consultants).

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