

COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (CDIP)

Fourth Session

Geneva, November 16 to 20, 2009

Summary by the Chair

1. The fourth session of the CDIP was held from November 16 to 20, 2009. 89 Member States and 36 Observers participated in the meeting.
2. The session was chaired by Mr. Mohamed Abderraouf Bdioui, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Tunisia, Vice-Chair of the Committee, in the absence of Ambassador Trevor C. Clarke of Barbados.
3. The CDIP decided to admit, on an *ad hoc* basis, three non-governmental organizations (NGOs), namely, Creative Commons (CC), the University of São Paulo's Research Group on Access to Information (GPOPAT) and the British-Swiss Chamber of Commerce without implications as to their status for future CDIP meetings, for a period of one year.
4. At the invitation of the Chair of the CDIP, the Director General addressed the Committee. The Director General expressed his cautious optimism on the progress being made in the implementation of the Development Agenda. He noted that with the adoption of the project-based methodology, an important impetus had been provided to the implementation of the Development Agenda. He recalled that nine projects were already under implementation and a further three had received preliminary approval at the third session of the CDIP. The Director General also noted that three important project documents on technology transfer, access to patent information and enhancement of WIPO's results-based management framework, respectively, were to be discussed at the present session of the CDIP. The Director General stressed the importance of continuing to mainstream the Development Agenda into the work of the Organization and informed the Committee that financial resources had been allocated in the Program and Budget for 2010-2011 to commence implementation of any projects that might be approved by the fourth and fifth sessions of the CDIP.
5. The CDIP adopted the Revised Draft Agenda as proposed in document CDIP/4/1 Prov.2, and the Revised Draft Report of the third session, contained in document CDIP/3/9 Prov.2, with amendments by a few delegations to their own statements.
6. Under Agenda Item 4, the Committee reviewed the project documents prepared by the Secretariat for the implementation of Recommendations 9 and 10 contained in document CDIP/3/INF/2; the progress report on the implementation of Development Agenda Recommendations 2, 5, 8, 9, and 10 contained in CDIP/4/2; and the progress report on Recommendations for immediate implementation contained in document CDIP/3/5.
7. Under Agenda Item 5, the CDIP adopted three projects earlier discussed and broadly agreed upon at the third session of the CDIP, namely, the Project on Intellectual Property and Competition Policy contained in document CDIP/4/4; the Project on Intellectual Property, Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs); the Digital Divide and Access to Knowledge contained in CDIP/4/5 and some components of the Project on Intellectual Property and the Public Domain contained in

document CDIP/4/3. Modifications were introduced to document CDIP/4/3 with the need for CDIP/5 to continue discussions on certain elements of this project.

8. Under the same Agenda Item the Committee discussed and adopted the Project on Developing Tools for Access to Patent Information contained in document CDIP/4/6. The Committee also discussed the Project on Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer: Common Challenges - Building Solutions contained in document CDIP/4/7 and decided that discussions on that document would continue at the fifth session of the CDIP. A group of “like-minded delegations” would submit a document containing comments on the implementation of the relevant recommendations before the end of 2009. Other Member States would be invited to respond to that document until January 31, 2010. The Secretariat would then prepare a non-paper for discussions at the fifth session of the CDIP.

9. The CDIP also discussed document CDIP/4/12. The Committee decided that the proposal presented by the Government of Japan should be implemented as part of the Organization’s ongoing activities. Any Delegation wishing to add elements to this activity may do so during the next sessions of the CDIP. As regards the proposals made by the Republic of Korea, the Committee decided that the Secretariat will prepare project documents based upon the two proposals and comments made by a number of delegations and present them to the fifth session of the CDIP. In the meanwhile, the Secretariat will undertake the implementation of the first component of the two proposals as mentioned in CDIP/4/12.

10. The Committee also discussed the Project on Enhancement of WIPO’s Results-Based Management (RBM) Framework to Support the Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Activities contained in document CDIP/4/8 and adopted the project with certain amendments to the project document.

11. Under Agenda Item 6, discussions were held in various formal and informal sessions of the CDIP. It was decided to continue further discussions on this subject as the first substantive agenda item in CDIP/5.

12. Under Agenda Item 7, the Chair highlighted the need for continuing with the project-based methodology and to review two or three new projects; to review the elements of projects carried over from the current session; and to continue with reviewing progress reports. The Chair also attached great importance to the matter of the coordination mechanism and the need to apply a rigorous time management to the work of the Committee.

13. The CDIP noted that the Draft Report of the fourth session would be prepared by the Secretariat and communicated to the Permanent Missions of the Member States, and would also be made available to Member States, IGOs and NGOs, in electronic form, on the WIPO website. Comments on the Draft Report should be communicated in writing to the Secretariat as soon as possible, preferably eight weeks before the next meeting. The revised Draft Report would then be considered for adoption at the beginning of the fifth session of the CDIP.

14. This Summary will constitute the CDIP’s report to the General Assembly.