

DRAFT STATEMENT – DAG
CDIP/11/2: DIRECTOR GENERAL’S REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

I take the floor on behalf of the Development Agenda Group. My Group would like to take the floor again under the Agenda Item n° 6 with a view to make further comments pertaining to the coordination mechanism. As we have noted on our general statement, the DAG really regrets the fact that the CDIP/11/2 is the only document provided for discussion under the item related to the coordination mechanism, one of the most important themes for the CDIP. We reiterate that Member States should have adequate information to evaluate the progress made on the implementation of the Development Agenda.

I would like to start by thanking the Director General for its fourth report on the implementation of the Development Agenda. This report aim to provide a broader view of the WIPO activities related to the implementation of the Development Agenda, what is very useful, especially for assessment purposes. The new report highlights some activities that my Group also sees as key for the effective implementation of the Development Agenda, notably the technical and legislative assistance; the cooperation of WIPO with other International Organizations, the participation of the civil society on WIPO’s activities; the WIPO Academy; the range of initiatives to guarantee a neutral work of the Secretariat; and the mainstreaming of the Development Agenda by other WIPO’s bodies.

The report covers a very broad range of initiatives under WIPO, but more details or links to further information on the activities mentioned would be desirable. We highlight, for example, the cooperation of WIPO with other International Organizations and with initiatives under the UN system. The DAG is very satisfied with the fact that WIPO is widen its partnerships with other UN Agencies and that, in accordance to recommendations 22, 30 and 40 (and in line with the deliberations of this Committee), joined the MDG Gap Task Force; engaged in the UN inter-agency process on the post 2015 Development Framework; and participated in many other UN initiatives, such as the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio + 20). We would appreciate, therefore, that further information is made available by WIPO on its participation in such activities. A report on the contributions of WIPO to those initiatives would be very helpful and could be a permanent tool of communication between the Secretariat and Member States. This kind of report, that could integrate future reports for the CDIP, would guarantee more transparency and accountability and would allow Member States to contribute to WIPO’s participation in such initiatives.

It would be also important that the DG’s report do not be limited to factual information and also includes evaluation on the impacts of the activities described on the implementation of the Development Agenda.

Mr. Chairman,

The DAG would like to raise specific comments on some elements included in the document CDIP/11/2:

- On paragraph 5, the DG's report mentions the "country plans", which are described as an adequate tool to ensure greater transparency and horizontal coordination in the provision of technical assistance. Since this is one of the key elements of the Development Agenda and there is a discussion under this Committee on the review of the technical assistance provided by WIPO, the DAG would appreciate that the Secretariat prepare an information document for the next session of the CDIP reporting, with more details, how the "country plans" are being implemented. The report should include information on the countries for which Country Plans have been developed, the process followed in developing these Country Plans, and also present the template of development assistance framework. This would enable a comprehensive assessment of how far these frameworks are development oriented.
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- On paragraph 6, the DG's Report gives us an overview of recent developments under the WIPO Academy's courses. We really appreciate the fact that modules on the Development Agenda were included under part of the courses offered by the WIPO Academy. However, it would be important that such models are included in all the courses offered by the WIPO Academy, since the Development Agenda is a broad and cross-cutting issue. The courses offered by WIPO can also work as a space to raise greater awareness on the implementation of the Development Agenda among government officials and other stakeholders.
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- On paragraph 9, the DG's report mentions the "WIPO Re:Search Platform". It would be useful to have more information on the initiative during the next CDIP.
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- Paragraph 10 makes a general comment on the legislative assistance provided for by WIPO, but do not give any further detail on the issue. This is a very sensitive and important issue for the Development Agenda and there is no broader evaluation on the legislative assistance activities carried out by WIPO. It is time to consider the possibility of having an independent evaluation on this specific type of technical assistance.
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- Paragraph 17 includes a reference to a mandatory Organization-wide ethics and integrity training program that was launched for all personnel and to the Whistleblower Protection Policy (WPP). Both initiatives can contribute to promote the neutrality of the Secretariat, in line the Development Agenda. In that regard, we highlight the importance of the Code of Ethics and the Roster of Consultants, which are tools that can contribute to guarantee more transparency and accountability. We seek for clarification on whether the "roster of consultants" was already reviewed in line with the suggestions made by many Member States in previous sessions of the CDIP to include, for example, information of all the consultants hired by WIPO.
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- Paragraphs 19 to 33 consider the mainstreaming of the Development Agenda in the work of other WIPO Bodies. The report summarizes the main results of some WIPO Bodies, but does not make it clear how such results are related to the implementation of the Development Agenda. It would be important to have an evaluation in that sense in the next reports. We seek clarification on the reasons for the exclusion of the Program and Budget Committee (PBC) and the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) from this

session. Both PBC and CWS play an important role in the implementation of the Development Agenda.

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- Paragraph 38 reports the realization of external evaluations at the end of some CDIP projects that were already presented before the Committee. The DAG reiterates its support to the realization of those evaluations, which can contribute to the assessment of the CDIP projects and to the future initiatives adopted by the Committee.

Thank you.