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Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)

Eleventh Session
Geneva, May 13 to 17, 2013

SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

1. The eleventh session of the CDIP was held from May 13 to 17, 2012. The session was attended by 94 Member States and 37 Observers.
2. The Committee elected Ambassador Mohamed Siad DOUALEH, Permanent Representative of Djibouti as Chair, and Mrs. Ekaterina EGUTIA, Deputy Head, National Intellectual Property Center (SAKPATENTI), Georgia, as Vice-Chair.
3. The Committee adopted the Draft Agenda as proposed in document CDIP/11/1 Prov. 2.
4. Under Agenda Item 4, the Committee adopted the draft report of the tenth session of the CDIP (CDIP/10/18 Prov.).
5. Under Agenda Item 5, the Committee listened to general statements from Regional Groups. Individual delegations were requested to submit their statements in writing.
6. Under Agenda Item 6, the Committee considered document CDIP/11/2. The Director General introduced his Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda during 2012. Delegations appreciated the commitment of the Director General in providing annual reports. A number of observations were made on the Report and clarifications were sought, in particular with regard to Country Plans and WIPO's participation in the Rio+20 process and the MDGs Task Force. The Deputy Director General, Mr. Geoffrey Onyeama, and Director of the WIPO New York Office, Mr. Rama Rao, replied to the observations and agreed to introduce enhancements in future reports. It was agreed that the Secretariat would organize regular briefings to the Member States on WIPO's contribution to the work of other United Nations entities.
7. Under Agenda Item 7, the Committee considered a work program for the implementation of some adopted recommendations, as follows:

(a) To be decided. (MDGs)

(b) The Committee discussed the External Review of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development (CDIP8/INF/1) on the basis of the following supporting documents:

- i. Management Response to the External Review of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development (CDIP/9/14);
- ii. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of an External Review of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development (CDIP/9/15);
- iii. Joint Proposal by the Development Agenda Group (DAG) and the Africa Group on WIPO's Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development (CDIP/9/16); and
- iv. Status of Implementation of Certain Recommendations Extracted from the Report on the External Review of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Field of Cooperation for Development (CDIP/11/4).

Recognizing the Secretariat's ongoing work on the various recommendations and the need to take further actions, the Committee requested the Secretariat to continue work on the following three recommendations, taking into account the comments made by the delegations, and provide a progress report to the next session of the CDIP:

- I. To compile existing materials into a comprehensive Manual on the delivery of technical assistance, in line with recommendation A(2) in document CDIP/9/16;
- II. To ensure that WIPO's website is upgraded to serve as a more effective, accessible and up-to-date resource for communicating information about development cooperation activities; and,
- III. To examine the Technical Assistance Database (TAD) with a view to facilitate searching capabilities, and ensuring the regular updating of the TAD with information on technical assistance activities.

It was agreed that the Committee would continue discussions at its next session on the remaining proposals put forward by delegations.

(c) The Committee considered document (CDIP/11/5) on the organization of the International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development. It was agreed that the Secretariat would finalize a list of speakers for the Conference, and circulate it to Group Coordinators for confirmation.

(d) The Committee discussed the Feasibility Assessment on Possible New WIPO Activities Related to Using Copyright to Promote Access to Information and Creative Content (CDIP/11/6). Delegates expressed general support for the proposals presented in the document and provided a number of comments and suggestions. The Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare a more detailed implementation plan, including information on financial and human resource implications, to be considered at the next session of the Committee.

(e) The Committee considered a Project Proposal from the Republic of Korea on Intellectual Property (IP) and Design Creation for Business Development in Developing and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) (CDIP/11/7). Delegations expressed appreciation

for the proposal and thanked the Republic of Korea for this initiative. The Republic of Korea was requested to work with the Secretariat to further develop the proposal into a CDIP project document, bearing in mind the observations made from the floor, and present it to the next session of the Committee for approval.

(f) To be decided. (Independent Review)

(g) The Committee discussed the following documents and took note of their contents:

- i. Potential Impact of Intellectual Property Rights on the Forestry Chain in Uruguay (CDIP/11/INF/2);
- ii. Intellectual Property (IP) and Socio-Economic Development in Chile (CDIP/11/INF/4); and
- iii. Conceptual Study on Innovation, Intellectual Property and the Informal Economy (CDIP/11/INF/5).

Further, it was agreed that future studies under the project on Intellectual Property and Socio-Economic Development (CDIP/5/7) would be discussed by the Committee in its future sessions.

(h) To be decided. (Patent-Related Flexibilities)

(i) To be decided. (New Agenda Item)

8. To be decided (Future Work)

9. The Committee noted that the Draft Report of the eleventh 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 written form to the Secretariat, preferably eight weeks before the next meeting. The Draft Report will then be considered for adoption at the twelfth session of the Committee.

10. This Summary will constitute the Committee's report to the General Assembly.

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