

Possible proposals on technical assistance proposed by the Delegation of Spain

Informal Meetings - Thursday, November 12, 2015

1. Ask Secretariat to prepare a compilation of best practices of WIPO technical assistance;

Under the leadership of the WIPO Academy, WIPO should provide a regular forum for member states to share their experiences in and tools and methodologies for providing and receiving domestic and international intellectual property technical assistance and capacity building. In particular:

1. A one day seminar should be organized on the margins of the CDIP 17 or 18, and
2. A web forum for sharing ideas, best practices and experiences should be established by WIPO. The web forum may be best integrated into existing web platforms previously established by WIPO (USA).

The outcome of these activities could be used to inform a compilation of best practice (Australia).

2. Ask Secretariat to identify new proposals to improve internal and international (UN Agencies and Programs) coordination in providing technical assistance;

WIPO should continue improving internal coordination within the organization, collaboration with other international organizations, as well as coordination and cooperation with national and regional IP offices on issues related to technical assistance, capacity building and development cooperation in order to maximize efficiency and synergies among activities, thereby avoiding possible duplication of efforts, and improving linkages between activities and objectives. Ask Secretariat to identify new proposals to that effect (USA).

Ask Secretariat to identify in consultation with Member States new proposals to improve internal and international (UN Agencies and Programs) coordination in providing technical assistance (Brazil);

3. Ask Secretariat to identify measures to increase the efficiency of WIPO's technical assistance;

WIPO should assess the existing tools and methodologies for measuring the impact and efficiency of technical assistance activities at various levels and if required, identify areas for improvement. The information learned in this process should be used to develop future and follow up technical assistance activities and to address any deficiencies. WIPO should monitor and evaluate the longer term results of WIPO technical assistance activities, particularly those aimed at improving beneficiaries' institutional capacity.

In addition, in order to provide quality technical assistance, WIPO should follow an established rigorous peer review procedure for all studies commissioned by WIPO that are used in technical assistance (USA).

4. Ask Secretariat to prepare a guideline for the selection of consultants for technical assistance;

Ask Secretariat to prepare a guideline for the selection of consultants for technical assistance which are in full conformity with existing UN rules and guidelines on procurement (Dutch).

To ask the Secretariat to continue up holding the balanced requirements of existing UN rules and guidelines in procedures for selecting consultants in technical assistance (UK).

5. Ask Secretariat to regularly update online roster of consultants; and

6. Ask Secretariat to reflect on possible improvements of WIPO's webpage section devoted to communicating WIPO's activities on technical assistance.