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Delegations will find attached the final EU/Member States statements delivered at the above-mentioned WIPO meeting.

**35th Session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property
(CDIP)
(Geneva, 17–21 November 2025)**

Agenda item 3

General Statement

Madam Chair,

1. Denmark is honoured to take the floor on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. We look forward to collaborating effectively under your able leadership and that of your Vice-Chairs throughout this session.
2. We would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for organising this meeting and preparing all relevant documents on key issues.
3. We would also like to thank the Secretariat for processing the completion and evaluation reports on the Development of the Music Sector and New Economic Models of Music in Burkina Faso and all Other Countries of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU). We appreciate the valuable work done in the Impact Evaluation Report of the Project on Cooperation on Development and Intellectual Property Rights Education and Professional Training with Judicial Training Institutions in Developing and Least Developed Countries.
4. We extend our gratitude to the Honourable Delegations of the United Kingdom, Lesotho, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Venezuela, Dominica, and Senegal for their project proposals and we are looking forward to discussing them at this session.
5. We recognise the considerable efforts undertaken by the Secretariat and value the important contributions made by Member States to the Committee's work. To maximize the benefits of this work, we look forward to further dialogue on outstanding matters and welcome constructive proposals for future initiatives.

6. Madam Chair, the EU and its Member States remain committed to advancing this work and to making constructive contributions to the discussions throughout this session.

Thank you.

Agenda item 4

Monitor, assess, discuss and report on the implementation of all Development Agenda

Recommendations

Agenda item 4(a)

Progress Report on the Implementation of the 45 Development Agenda Recommendations

(CDIP/35/2)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Director General for the report on the implementation of the Development Agenda (DA), as contained in document CDIP/35/2, which provides a comprehensive overview of the projects and activities carried out in the period of July 2024 to June 2025.
2. We acknowledge the effective organisation and presentation of the report, which enables a clear understanding of the current status of the Development Agenda.
3. We are pleased to see that WIPO increased its focus on adapting to the needs of Member States, strengthened cooperation with civil society and other international organisations, as well as continued efforts to make the IP system more inclusive, transparent and development oriented.
4. We recognize and value in particular the focus of the activities on small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), women, youth, Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
5. As already stated by other delegations, the EU and its Member States also acknowledge and value the contribution of WIPO and its Secretariat to the implementation of the DA recommendations.

Thank you.

Agenda item 4(b)

Progress Reports – Ongoing Development Agenda Projects

(CDIP/35/3)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to express our gratitude for the work detailed in document CDIP/35/3, containing a compilation of progress reports on the implementation of the 18 ongoing Development Agenda (DA) projects, for the period from August 2024 to June 2025.
2. We appreciate that the report presents a comprehensive summary of project implementation, initial outcomes, key lessons learned, future directions, and any updates to the implementation timeline as necessary.
3. We acknowledge the inclusion of comprehensive budgetary and actual expenditure details for each ongoing DA project in the above-mentioned report.
4. We are pleased with the progress made in the implementation of current projects and appreciate the focus on identifying risks and possible mitigations combined with comprehensive reporting that provides transparency and accountability in the implementation of projects.
5. The EU and its Member States note the continued progress on these projects and anticipate future updates on their outcomes and impact.

Thank you.

Agenda item 4(c)

Report on the Seventh Sharing Session on Women and Intellectual Property (IP)

(CDIP/35/6)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to express our gratitude to the Secretariat for the Report on the Seventh Sharing Session on Women and Intellectual Property (IP).
2. We note that the Seventh Sharing Session highlighted the vital role of intellectual property (IP) tools in safeguarding creative work, promoting cultural heritage, and empowering designers—especially women—through opportunities for social and economic advancement.
3. The EU and its Member States acknowledge the Seventh Sharing Session for being notably successful and inclusive, drawing a diverse audience and receiving strong engagement and positive feedback from Member States, participants, and stakeholders.

Thank you.

Agenda item 4(d)

**Report on the International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development – The Role
of Intellectual Property and Innovation in Addressing Global Public Health Challenges:
Fostering Technological Transfer and Collaborations**

(CDIP/35/7)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to express our gratitude to the Secretariat for the Report on the International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development – The Role of Intellectual Property and Innovation in Addressing Global Public Health Challenges: Fostering Technological Transfer and Collaborations.
2. We welcome the focus of the conference on how intellectual property rights and innovation can be used strategically to address global health challenges, including through technology transfer and enhanced international cooperation.
3. We commend the fruitful panel discussions for highlighting the balance between incentives for developing new health technologies through the IP system and the need for broad access, with concrete examples from both developing and industrialised countries.
4. The EU and its Member States are in particular pleased to note the final panel of the conference which emphasised the importance of adapting the IP system to new technologies such as artificial intelligence, promoting diversity in innovation processes, and strengthening global cooperation for faster and more inclusive solutions to public health issues.
5. Finally, we would like to reiterate our commitment to promoting efficient transfer of technology partnerships based on voluntary agreements that are concluded on mutually agreed terms, which are key to building sustainable technological cooperation aimed at increasing local development capacities while encouraging strong investments in R&D activities for the development of new health technologies.

Thank you.

Agenda item 4(e) and 4(f)

Completion Report of the Project on Development of the Music Sector and New Economic Models of Music in Burkina Faso and all Other Countries of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)

(CDIP/35/4)

Evaluation Report of the Project on Development of the Music Sector and New Economic Models of Music in Burkina Faso and All Other Countries of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)

(CDIP/35/5)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to express our gratitude to the Secretariat for both the Completion Report of the Project on Development of the Music Sector and New Economic Models of Music in Burkina Faso and All Other Countries of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), and of the Evaluation Report prepared by Ms. Anita Leutgeb.
2. We commend the efforts undertaken to implement this project successfully.
3. We welcome the many positive outcomes of the project, which has strengthened the music sector in Burkina Faso and the WAEMU countries through training, improved rights management, and updated legislation, laying the foundation for growth in the digital economy.
4. We acknowledge the valuable contributions of authorities, private stakeholders, and the judiciary, whose engagement has significantly strengthened collaboration and the overall capacity of the project.
5. We also take note of the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation report and encourage the WIPO and the beneficiary countries to duly consider the proposed two recommendations.

Thank you.

Agenda item 4(g)

Impact Evaluation Report of the Project on Cooperation on Development and Intellectual Property Rights Education and Professional Training with Judicial Training Institutions in Developing and Least Developed Countries

(CDIP/35/9)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to express our appreciation for the Impact Evaluation Report of the Project on Cooperation on Development and Intellectual Property Rights Education and Professional Training with Judicial Training Institutions in Developing and Least Developed Countries, undertaken by Mr. Wilm van Bakkum.
2. We welcome the fact that the project has significantly enhanced judges' skills and practices regarding intellectual property rights, which improves the quality of decisions and boosts confidence in the judicial system in Developing and Least Developed Countries.
3. We also take note of the recommendations of the impact evaluation report.

Thank you.

Agenda item 4(i)

WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development

Compilation of Topics Proposed by the Secretariat for Future Webinars on Technical Assistance

(CDIP/35/INF/2)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the Compilation of Topics Proposed by the Secretariat for Future Webinars on Technical Assistance.
2. We welcome the two topics proposed by the Secretariat for future webinars on technical assistance named: „Innovative Technical Assistance: Emerging Technologies and Approaches for Evolving Development Needs” and „Sustainability of Results in Technical Assistance Programs”, respectively.
3. We also note the request by the honourable delegation of Saudi Arabia under the two topics proposed by the Secretariat.

Thank you.

Agenda item 4(i)

WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development

**Independent External Review of WIPO's Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for
Development**

(CDIP/33/4 and CDIP/33/4 CORR.)

No statement.

Agenda item 4(i)

WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development

**Secretariat's Response on the Status of the Recommendations of the Independent External
Review of WIPO's Technical Assistance**

(CDIP/34/8)

No statement.

Agenda item 4(i)

WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development

**Member States' Response on the Recommendations of the Independent External Review of
WIPO's Technical Assistance**

(CDIP/35/14)

No statement.

Agenda item 4(i)

WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development

Report on the Webinars on Technical Assistance

(CDIP/35/8)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the Report on the Webinars on Technical Assistance held in 2025. We congratulate the Secretariat on the successful organisation and delivery of these sessions.
2. We commend WIPO's efforts to ensure broad participation and inclusivity, with over 1,000 participants from across regions and stakeholder groups. The hybrid format and multilingual interpretation contributed to the accessibility and impact of the webinars.
3. We appreciate the Secretariat's initiative to make all materials and recordings publicly available online, ensuring that the insights and resources shared remain accessible to Member States and stakeholders.
4. The EU and its Member States remain committed to supporting initiatives that promote effective, inclusive and sustainable IP systems and capacity-building.

Thank you.

Agenda item 5

Consideration of work program for implementation of adopted recommendations

Agenda item 5(a)

Continuation of discussion on the Adopted Recommendations of the Independent Review – Updated Proposal by the Secretariat and Member States Inputs

(CDIP/29/6 and CDIP/29/6 CORR.)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States acknowledge the thorough work done by the Committee and the Secretariat on this agenda item, that has led to the conclusion of several implementation strategies.
2. We recall that the Committee decided during the last session to continue the discussion on implementation strategy 1 proposed by the Secretariat. We look forward to continuing those discussions.

Thank you.

Agenda item 5(b)

**Revised project on the Development of Strategies and Tools to Address Cross-Border Trade
in Counterfeit Trademark Goods – Project Proposal Submitted by the United Kingdom and
Co-Sponsored by Lesotho, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand**

(CDIP/35/10)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Honourable Delegation of the United Kingdom for submitting the revised project proposal contained in document CDIP/35/10 and acknowledge the co-sponsorship by the Honourable Delegations of Lesotho, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand.
2. We welcome the project's aim which is to develop strategies and tools to assess and address the adverse impact of cross-border trade in counterfeit trademark goods.
3. The trade in counterfeit goods continues to pose a serious threat to innovation, public health and safety, and IP-driven economic development. We therefore support the project's objective to enhance the capacity of customs authorities and other relevant enforcement bodies in beneficiary countries to detect and interdict counterfeit goods at the border.
4. We particularly appreciate the project's development-oriented approach, including the emphasis on country-specific case studies, operational guidelines, and capacity-building programs tailored to national contexts and priorities.
5. The EU and its Member States look forward to further discussions on this important initiative and to its successful implementation.

Thank you.

Agenda item 5(c)

**Project on Empowering Doll-Making Artisans through Intellectual Property – Project
Proposal Submitted by Venezuela**

(CDIP/35/11)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Honourable Delegation of Venezuela for submitting the project proposal contained in document CDIP/35/11.
2. We note the overall objective of the project to empower doll-making artisans within the beneficiary countries to strategically use IP rights to protect their original creations, enhance their market visibility, and promoting equitable remuneration.
3. The EU and its Member States look forward to the discussion and exchange of views on this proposal.

Thank you.

Agenda item 5(d)

**Project on Leveraging Intellectual Property Systems for Climate Resilience – Project
Proposal Submitted by Dominica**

(CDIP/35/12)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Honourable Delegation of Dominica for submitting the project proposal contained in document CDIP/35/12.
2. We welcome the aim of the project to enhance institutional capacity in beneficiary countries to leverage intellectual property systems in support of climate change adaptation and mitigation priorities.
3. Climate resilience is a global challenge that requires innovative and inclusive solutions. We support the project's objective to strengthen IP frameworks and promote collaboration among key stakeholders, thereby facilitating access to climate technologies and fostering domestic innovation tailored to national contexts.
4. The EU and its Member States look forward to further discussion and exchange of views on this important project proposal.

Thank you.

Agenda item 5(e)

Project on Strengthening Sports Development through Intellectual Property (IP) in African Countries – Project Proposal Submitted by Senegal

(CDIP/35/13)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Honourable Delegation of Senegal for submitting the project proposal contained in document CDIP/35/13.
2. We welcome the overall aim of the project, which is to strengthen sports development in African countries through the strategic use of intellectual property rights.
3. The sports sector is a powerful driver of social and economic development. We appreciate the project's focus on empowering athletes, federations, SMEs, and other stakeholders to better protect and monetise sports-related assets through strategic use of IP.
4. The EU and its Member States look forward to engaging in further discussions on this proposal.

Thank you.

Agenda item 5(f)

Executive Summary of the “Educational Program on the Use of IP Tools to Reduce Occupational Accidents and Diseases”

(CDIP/35/INF/3)

No statement.

Agenda item 6

Intellectual Property and Development

- Reinforcing and Modernizing IP Offices for Resilience, Efficiency, Accessibilities and Crisis Preparedness in the Digital Era

No statement.

Agenda item 7

Future work

No statement.

Agenda item 8

Summary by the Chair

No statement.

Agenda item 9

Closing statement

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States congratulate you Madam Chair and your Vice-Chairs for your able leadership and thank you for your guidance through this 35th session of the CDIP. We thank the WIPO Secretariat for their hard work prior to and during this week, and the interpreters for their role in facilitating mutual understanding.
2. The EU and its Member States welcome the outcome of this meeting, as reflected in the Summary by the Chair, and thank all Member States for their valuable contribution to the session.
3. The EU and its Member States look forward to having further constructive discussions at the following session.

Thank you.
