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**34th Session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property
(CDIP)**

(Geneva, 5–9 May 2025)

General/Opening Statement

Madam Chair,

1. Poland is honoured to take the floor on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. We would like to congratulate you and your Vice-Chairs on your election, and we look forward to working efficiently under your able guidance and that of your Vice-Chairs during this session.
2. We extend our gratitude to the WIPO Secretariat for organising this session and preparing all the relevant documents.
3. We welcome the reports prepared by the Secretariat, namely Director General's report on the implementation of the Development Agenda and report on WIPO's Contribution to the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and its Associated Targets.
4. We extend our gratitude to the Honourable Delegations of the United Kingdom and the Plurinational State of Bolivia for their project proposals and we are looking forward to discussing them at this session.
5. We are also ready to engage in discussions with regional groups and Member States to reach a consensus on the subtopic of the international conference on IP and development to be held in 2027, as well as on topics to be addressed under the agenda item on IP and development.
6. We are looking forward to a fruitful discussion on IP and the judiciary under the agenda item on Intellectual Property and Development.
7. Furthermore, we would like to thank the Secretariat for the “Report on Women and IP: Internal and External Activities, Strategic Direction” and the initiatives and projects that WIPO will launch or continue to carry on this subject.

8. We appreciate the large amount of work undertaken by the Secretariat. We are also grateful to the Member States for their important input to the work of the Committee. In order to take full advantage of the work done, we hope to continue the discussion on pending issues and valuable proposals for future work.
9. Chair, the EU and its Member States look forward to continuing this work and contributing in the constructive spirit to the discussions during this session.

Thank you.

Agenda item 5(a)

Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda (CDIP/34/2)

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/34/2, which provides a comprehensive overview of the projects and activities carried out in 2024.
2. We appreciate the structure and format of the report, which makes it possible to quickly grasp the current state of play of the Development Agenda.
3. We are pleased to see that WIPO strengthened the coordination across its sectors and deepened the engagement with Member States thereby implementing more responsive initiatives and providing practical support.
4. We recognize and appreciate 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 5(b)

Report on WIPO's Contribution to the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and its Associated Targets (CDIP/34/3)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the annual report on the contribution of WIPO to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its associated targets as contained in document CDIP/34/3.
2. We welcome the report's comprehensive overview and update for 2024 of various WIPO activities to support the implementation of the SDG, carried out by WIPO individually as well as a part of the United Nations System. We would like to emphasize the importance of aligning and coordinating WIPO activities with those carried out by other UN agencies.
3. The EU and its Member States appreciate WIPO's contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular by promoting a strong, balanced and effective IP system that encourages innovation and creativity.
4. As already reiterated by other delegations, we reaffirm our commitment to supporting the achievement of the SDGs as they remain vital and relevant for the developing as well as for the developed countries.

Thank you.

Agenda item 5(i)

**Independent External Review of WIPO's Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for
Development
(CDIP/33/4)**

**Secretariat's Response on the Status of the Recommendations of the Independent External
Review of WIPO's Technical Assistance
(CDIP/34/8)**

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing the document detailing the status of each recommendation of the Independent External Review of WIPO's Technical Assistance and the requirements needed for their implementation, as requested by the Committee at its 33rd session.
2. We welcome that the input from all relevant WIPO Sectors was included in the document and acknowledge the clear presentation of recommendations, including their categorisation on the basis of the actors to whom they are addressed as well as their implementation status.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(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 delegation of Poland, on behalf of the EU and its Member States, would like to acknowledge the 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 during its last session the Committee decided to continue the discussion on implementation strategy 1 proposed by the Secretariat. We look forward to continuing those discussions.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(b)

Project on the Development of Strategies and Tools to Address Cross-Border Trade in Counterfeit Trademark Goods in Developing Countries – Project Proposal Submitted by the United Kingdom

(CDIP/34/4)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Honourable Delegation of the United Kingdom for submitting the project proposal as contained in the document CDIP/34/4.
2. We welcome the aim of the project which is to assess and address the adverse impact of cross border trade in counterfeit trademark goods in developing countries.
3. The trade in counterfeit goods remains a major challenge in today's global economy, posing a threat to businesses based on intellectual property by discouraging innovation and harming the IP-driven economic growth. We, therefore, support the project objective to enhance the capacity of customs authorities in beneficiary countries to detect and interdict counterfeit goods at the border.
4. The EU and its Member States are looking forward to the further discussion on this project proposal.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(c)

**Project on Promoting the Development of Festival Tourism through Intellectual Property –
Project Proposal Submitted by the Plurinational State of Bolivia
(CDIP/34/5)**

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Honourable Delegation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia for submitting the project proposal as contained in the document CDIP/34/5.
2. We welcome the overall objective of the project to enhance the capacity of cultural festival organizers in the beneficiary countries to promote the development of festival tourism through IP rights, while respecting local traditions and culture.
3. The EU and its Member States are looking forward to the discussion and exchange of views on this project proposal.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(d)

Compilation of Topics Proposed by Member States to be Addressed Under the Agenda Item on “Intellectual Property and Development” (CDIP/34/9)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank all the delegations that have submitted proposals under this agenda item.
2. We welcome the proposal submitted by the Honourable Delegation of the Republic of Latvia on “*IP and Creator Economy*”, as we consider it valuable to further investigate the relationship between intellectual property and the creative economy, and to address the specific IP issues that content creators face in the digital age.
3. We support the proposal by the Honourable Delegation of the United Kingdom on “*The intangible economy: how IP commercialisation and IP-backed financing can help innovative startups and SMEs to scale and grow*”, since we recognize that insufficient financing frequently constitutes a significant barrier to the growth of startups and SMEs and we see value in examining how IP-based solutions might address this challenge.
4. We also welcome the proposals submitted by the Honourable Delegations of Jamaica, Lebanon, Indonesia, China, Chile, the Asia and Pacific Group, the African Group and Brazil.
5. We believe there is potential for alignment among some of the proposed topics and express our hope that the Committee will be able to arrive at a mutually agreeable compromise on the topics to be addressed under the agenda item on “Intellectual Property and Development”.
6. The EU and its Member States are looking forward to the discussion and exchange of views on these topic proposals.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(e)

Compilation of Sub-Topics Proposed by Member States for the International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development (CDIP/34/10)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank all the delegations that have submitted proposals under this agenda item.
2. We welcome the proposal submitted by the Honourable Delegation of the Republic of Latvia on “*IP and Creator Economy*”, as we consider it valuable to further investigate the relationship between intellectual property and the creative economy, and to address the specific IP issues that content creators face in the digital age.
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4. We also welcome the proposals submitted by the Honourable Delegations of Jamaica, Lebanon, Indonesia, China, Chile, the Asia and Pacific Group, the African Group and Brazil.
5. We believe there is potential for alignment among some of the proposed topics and express our hope that the Committee will be able to arrive at a mutually agreeable compromise on the sub-topic for the International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development.
6. The EU and its Member States are looking forward to the discussion and exchange of views on these topic proposals.

Thank you.

Agenda item 7(b)

Report on Women and IP:

(i) Compilation and Sharing of Data

(CDIP/34/6)

(ii) Internal and External Activities, Strategic Direction

(CDIP/34/7)

Madam Chair,

1. The delegation of Poland, on behalf of the EU and its Member States, would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the report on Women and IP: Internal and External Activities, Strategic Direction. It provides a comprehensive overview of WIPO's numerous activities in 2024 as well as a mention of the new initiatives and projects that are underway and in planning.
2. Along with other like-minded countries who spoke before us, the EU and its Member States continue to affirm our support for the recognition of women's important contributions to science, research, and intellectual property. Therefore, we express our gratitude for the internal and externally-facing initiatives of the WIPO Secretariat and the positive outcomes they have generated.

Thank you.

Agenda item 10

Closing statement

Madam Chair,

1. The delegation of Poland, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, would like to congratulate you Madam Chair, as well as your Vice-Chairs, for your able leadership and thank you for your efficient guidance through this 34th session of the CDIP. We thank the WIPO Secretariat for their hard work prior to and during this week, and we also thank the interpreters for their invaluable efforts in helping us understand each other.
2. The EU and its Member States welcome the outcome of this meeting, as reflected in the Summary of the Chair, and thank all Member States for their valuable contribution to the session. The EU and its Member States look forward to having further constructive discussions at the next session.

Thank you
