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

36th Session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)

(Geneva, 4-8 May 2026)

Agenda Item 5

General Statement

Chair,

1. Cyprus has the honour to take the floor on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. We look forward to working closely under your leadership, Madam Chair, and that of the Vice-Chairs during this session.
2. The European Union and its Member States also thank the WIPO Secretariat for organising this meeting and for preparing the relevant documentation.
3. We would also like to thank the Secretariat for processing the completion and evaluation reports of the Project on Empowering Small Businesses Through IP: Developing Strategies for Supporting Geographical Indications or Collective Marks in the Post-registration Period, as well as of the Project on Empowering and Celebrating Intellectual Property (IP) Examiners. We also appreciate the completion and evaluation reports of the Project on Systematization of Statistical Data and the Design and Implementation of a Methodology for Developing Impact Assessments on the Use of the Intellectual Property System as well as of the Project on Promoting the Use of Intellectual Property in Developing Countries in Creative Industries in the Digital Era.
4. Furthermore, we support the revised project submitted by the United Kingdom and Co-Sponsored by Lesotho, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand, on the Development of Strategies and Tools to Address Cross-Border Trade in Counterfeit Trademark Goods and we welcome the project submitted by Dominica on Leveraging

Intellectual Property Systems for Climate Resilience, and the revised project submitted by Venezuela on Empowering Handicraft Artisans through Intellectual Property.

5. The European Union and its Member States commend the Secretariat for the extensive work undertaken. We also express our appreciation to Member States for their valuable contributions to the work of the Committee. To fully benefit from the progress achieved, we look forward to continuing discussions on the outstanding issues and the constructive proposals regarding future work.
6. Madam Chair, the European Union and its Member States remain committed to engaging constructively in the deliberations and look forward to contributing actively to the discussions during this session.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6

Monitor, assess, discuss and report on the implementation of all Development Agenda Recommendations and consideration of the Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda

Agenda item 6 (a)

Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda

(CDIP/36/2)

Chair,

1. The European Union and its Member States would like to thank the Director General for the report on the implementation of the Development Agenda, contained in document CDIP/36/2, which provides a comprehensive overview of the projects and activities carried out in 2025.
2. We appreciate the clear organisation and presentation of the report, which facilitates a good understanding of the current status of the Development Agenda.
3. We are pleased that activities were undertaken by WIPO to implement and mainstream the Development Agenda across the Organization's programs.
4. We recognize and appreciate activities that focus on technical assistance, skills and knowledge building, SMEs, women, youth, Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
5. As noted by other delegations, the European Union and its Member States also acknowledge and appreciate the contribution of WIPO and its Secretariat to the implementation of the Development Agenda recommendations.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(b)

**Report on WIPO's Contribution to the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals
and its Associated Targets**

(CDIP/36/4)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the annual report on WIPO's contribution to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their associated targets, as contained in document CDIP/36/4.
2. We welcome the report's comprehensive overview and its 2025 update on the wide range of activities undertaken by WIPO to support the implementation of the SDGs, both independently and as part of the United Nations system. In this regard, we would like to underline the importance of ensuring alignment and coordination between WIPO's activities and those of other UN agencies.
3. The EU and its Member States appreciate WIPO's contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, -especially through the promotion of a strong, balanced and effective intellectual property system that fosters innovation and creativity.
4. We reaffirm our commitment to supporting the achievement of the SDGs, which remain essential and relevant for both developing and developed countries.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6 (c) and agenda item 6(d)

Completion Report of the Project on Empowering Small Businesses Through IP: Developing Strategies for Supporting Geographical Indications or Collective Marks in the Post-registration Period

(CDIP/36/6)

Evaluation Report of the Project on Empowering Small Businesses Through IP: Developing Strategies for Supporting Geographical Indications or Collective Marks in the Post-registration Period

(CDIP/36/7)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing this Completion Report of the Project on Empowering Small Businesses Through IP: Developing Strategies for Supporting Geographical Indications or Collective Marks in the Post-registration Period and for the Evaluation Report, prepared by Mr. Daniel P. Keller.
2. We commend the efforts undertaken to implement this project successfully.
3. We welcome any positive outcomes of the project, which developed capacity building tools and initiatives to empower users or right holders of geographical indications (GIs) or collective/certification marks from developing countries in the post-registration period to effectively use their IP right.
4. We acknowledge the valuable contributions to authorities, small producers, private stakeholders, communities and institutions, whose engagement has significantly strengthened collaboration and the overall capacity of this 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 three recommendations.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(e) and agenda item 6(f)

Completion Report of the Project on Empowering and Celebrating Intellectual Property (IP)

Examiners

(CDIP/36/8)

Evaluation Report of the Project on Empowering and Celebrating Intellectual Property (IP)

Examiners

(CDIP/36/9)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States, would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing this Completion Report of the Project on Empowering and Celebrating Intellectual Property (IP) Examiners and for the Evaluation Report prepared by Dr. Sharon McClenaghan.
2. We commend the efforts undertaken to implement this project successfully.
3. We welcome any positive outcomes of the project, which increased public awareness and enhanced the capacity of the IP Examiners in supporting IP registrations through the celebration of IP Examiners on November 11, 2025.
4. We acknowledge the valuable contributions to the public and relevant stakeholders about the role of IP Examiners, using a diverse set of communication and outreach tools.
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 four recommendations.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(g) and agenda item 6(h)

Completion Report of the Project on Systematization of Statistical Data and the Design and Implementation of a Methodology for Developing Impact Assessments on the Use of the Intellectual Property System

(CDIP/36/10)

Evaluation Report of the Project on Systematization of Statistical Data and the Design and Implementation of a Methodology for Developing Impact Assessments on the Use of the Intellectual Property System

(CDIP/36/11)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing this Completion Report of the Project on Systematization of Statistical Data and the Design and Implementation of a Methodology for Developing Impact Assessments on the Use of the Intellectual Property System, and for the Evaluation Report prepared by Ms. Anita Leutgeb.
2. We commend the efforts undertaken to implement this project successfully.
3. We welcome any positive outcomes of the project, which aimed to build capacity among those managing IP-related databases, -enabling them to translate data into reliable evidence for empirical studies.
4. We acknowledge the valuable contributions to technical expert community and policymakers, whose engagement has significantly strengthened collaboration and the overall capacity of this 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 three recommendations.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(i) and agenda item 6(j)

Completion Report of the Project on Promoting the Use of Intellectual Property in Developing Countries in Creative Industries in the Digital Era

(CDIP/36/12)

Evaluation Report of the Project on Promoting the Use of Intellectual Property in Developing Countries in Creative Industries in the Digital Era

(CDIP/36/13)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing this Completion Report of the Project on Promoting the Use of Intellectual Property in Developing Countries in Creative Industries in the Digital Era and for the Evaluation Report, prepared by Ms. Louise Austin.
2. We commend the efforts undertaken to implement this project successfully.
3. We welcome any positive outcomes of the project, which aimed to strengthen the creative industries by promoting effective utilization of the intellectual property (IP) system, facilitating the protection and commercialization of IP, and fostering cooperation and information sharing among local creative industry stakeholders.
4. We acknowledge the valuable contributions of stakeholders, including WIPO staff members, and external consultants and experts, whose engagement has significantly strengthened collaboration and the overall capacity of this 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 seven recommendations.

Thank you.

Agenda item 6(i)

WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development

Continuation of discussion on the Independent External Review of WIPO's Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development

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

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

(CDIP/34/8)

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

(CDIP/35/14)

Chair,

1. Cyprus, on behalf of the EU and its Member States, would like to thank WIPO Secretariat for the Continuation of discussion on the Independent External Review of WIPO's Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development, and the continuation of discussion on Member States' Response on the Recommendations of the Independent External Review of WIPO's Technical Assistant.
2. We recall that during its last session, the Committee decided to continue the discussions on suggesting ways for improving the delivery of WIPO's Technical Assistance activities, and continuing the discussion on Member States' recommendations of the Independent External Review of WIPO's Technical Assistance, including ways to strengthen its results-based management framework to facilitate the monitoring and evaluation of the impact of these activities on development, taking into consideration the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), WIPO's Medium-Term Strategic Plan (MTSP) for 2022-2026, and the 45 Development Agenda Recommendations.

3. We also recall the discussion held during the last session of the Committee, and its decision to continue the discussion on the External Review and the status of its recommendations at its following session. For this reason, the Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare documents detailing the status of each recommendation and the requirements needed for their implementation.
4. We look forward to continuing the discussions on this topic.

Thank you.

Agenda item 7

Consideration of work program for implementation of adopted recommendations

(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)

Chair,

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

Thank you.

(b) Revised Project on Leveraging Intellectual Property Systems for Climate Resilience – Project Proposal Submitted by Dominica

(CDIP/36/14)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Delegation of Dominica for submitting the proposal for a Revised Project on Leveraging Intellectual Property Systems for Climate Resilience.
2. We welcome this revised project, which aims at strengthening the capacity of countries vulnerable to climate change to effectively integrate IP frameworks into their climate strategies.
3. The EU and its Member States look forward to further discussion and exchange of views on this important project proposal.

Thank you.

**(c) Revised Project on Empowering Handicraft Artisans through Intellectual Property –
Project Proposal Submitted by Venezuela**

(CDIP/36/15)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Delegation of Venezuela, for submitting the proposal for a Revised Project on Empowering Handicraft Artisans through Intellectual Property.
2. We note the objective of this project, aiming to empower handicraft artisans within beneficiary countries to strategically use IP rights to protect their handcrafted products.
3. The EU and its Member States look forward to the discussion and exchange of views on this proposal.

Thank you.

**(d) 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/36/16)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the United Kingdom as co-Sponsored by Lesotho, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand, for submitting the proposal on a Revised Project on the Development of Strategies and Tools to Address Cross-Border Trade in Counterfeit Trademark Goods.
2. We support this project aiming to enhance the technical processes, tools, and strategies, as well as the capacity of customs authorities (and other law enforcement bodies, where relevant) in beneficiary countries to promote better detection and interdiction of counterfeit goods at the border.

3. For both developed and developing countries, the proliferation of counterfeit and pirated goods constitutes a significant barrier to sustainable development, weakening industries, deterring investments and innovation ecosystems, while having serious adverse effects on public health.
4. Trade in counterfeit and pirated goods represents a major economic threat, accounting for approximately 467 billion USD per year and around 2,3% of the global trade imports – with the European Union and its Member States directly affected for an estimated value of 117 billion USD1.
5. Is also constitutes a serious threat to human rights, as highlighted by the EUIPO-OECD 2026 report, which demonstrates that counterfeit trade is closely linked to labour exploitation, including forced labour and unsafe working conditions – often occurring in contexts of weak governance and social vulnerability2.
6. Chair, the fight against counterfeit is not merely a domestic issue for developed economies, but a phenomenon embedded in global value chain, which underscores the need for strengthened international cooperation and enhanced capacity-building efforts, particular for economies with more limited resources.
7. Although the EU and its member states, would have preferred the proposal to be approved during the present session, we take note of the decision to defer consideration in order to allow the United Kingdom and co-sponsors to engage in further bilateral consultations with concerned Members to address outstanding issues. The EU and its member states also note that the project has been further revised to reflect the discussions held at the previous session of the CDIP.

Thank you.

¹ [EUIPO-OECD study, *Mapping Global Trade in Fakes 2025: Global Trends and Enforcement Challenges*, 2025.](#)

² [EUIPO-OECD study, *From fakes to forced labour: Evidence of correlation between illicit trade in counterfeits and labour exploitation*, 2026.](#)

Agenda item 8

Intellectual Property and Development

(a) IP and the Creative Economy: Protecting Creative Works in the Digital Age, including the impact of AI

Chair,

1. We recognize the enormous potential of artificial intelligence as a transformative force for cultural creation, preservation, and dissemination. At the same time, we are fully aware of the challenges it entails, including algorithmic bias, the concentration of technological power, and the risk of infringing intellectual property rights. These challenges do not affect all cultural sectors equally, which calls for nuanced, context-sensitive approaches that respect the diversity and specific characteristics of each field.
2. We strongly advocate for the development and deployment of artificial intelligence in line with ethical principles and democratic values. This requires solid and forward-looking regulatory frameworks that ensure transparency, inclusiveness, and fairness.
3. In this regard, we underscore the importance of establishing robust governance structures that promote the responsible use of AI. Such frameworks must safeguard cultural diversity, protect intellectual property rights, and preserve cultural heritage, while also fostering innovation and ensuring equitable access.
4. Finally, regulation must go beyond risk prevention. It should also promote international cooperation and governance, ensuring that the benefits of artificial intelligence are fairly distributed across the entire value chain and contribute to reducing, rather than exacerbating, existing inequalities.

Thank you.

(b) Report on Women and IP: Internal and External Activities, Strategic Direction

(CDIP/36/5)

Chair,

1. Cyprus, 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 held in 2025, as well as a mention of the new initiatives and projects that are underway and in planning.
2. 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 external initiatives of the WIPO Secretariat and the positive outcomes they have generated.

Thank you.

Agenda item 9

Future Work

No statement.

Agenda item 10

Summary of the Chair

No statement.

Agenda item 11

Closing statement

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States congratulate you and your Vice-Chairs for your exemplary leadership and thank you for your efficient guidance through this 36th session of the CDIP. We thank the WIPO Secretariat for their hard work prior to and during this week, and 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 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 next session.

Thank you.
