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28th Session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)

(Geneva, 16-20 May 2022)

Ukraine

Madam Chair,

1. Thank you for giving me the floor. This statement is made by France, in its capacity as Presidency of the Council of the European Union, on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States. The EU and its Member States support the statements delivered by Ukraine, Group B and CEBS.
2. At the outset let me express the EU and its Member States' full solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. The EU condemns, in the strongest possible terms, Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine, which grossly violates international law and the UN Charter, and undermines international security and stability.
3. The EU demands that Russia immediately cease its military actions, withdraw all its troops from the entire territory of Ukraine and fully respect Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence within its internationally recognised borders. Russia also needs to stop its disinformation campaign and cyber-attacks.
4. The EU strongly condemns the fact that, while discussing IP and development, IP institutional capacities in the protection of innovations and inventions, access to knowledge and technology, research and scientific institutions are put at stake by this aggression.

Agenda item 3

General/Opening Statement

Chair,

1. France is honored to take the floor on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. We would like to congratulate you and your vice-chair on your election. We look forward to working efficiently under your and your vice-chair's able guidance during this session.
2. We would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing and organising the meeting, in particular as regards the supporting documentation for such a wide range of issues.
3. The EU and its Member States have taken note of all projects included in the various reports prepared by the Secretariat. We consider it positive to have a wide variety of projects with beneficiaries from different regions of the world.
4. Madam Chair, the EU and its Member States look forward to continuing working and contributing constructively to the various discussions during this session.

Thank you.

Agenda item 4

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 4(a)

Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda (CDIP/28/2)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat, and the Deputy Director General, for sharing the Director General's report on the implementation of the Development Agenda (DA) for the year 2021. It provides a comprehensive overview of the projects and activities carried out in 2021.
2. The revised structure of this twelfth report brings additional clarity on the implementation of the Development agenda in each WIPO Sector. The presentation in Annex I of document CDPI/28/2 clearly links the DA recommendations to the WIPO Expected results for 2020/2021.
3. The international conference on IP and development, with the theme 'Innovation and Green Technologies for Sustainable Development' held on 22-23 November 2021, in a hybrid format, was a success with more than 1,300 participants.
4. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for its efforts made facing the constraints arising from the COVID-19 pandemic by implementing and strengthening the on-line and digital tools. The robustness of the organisation regarding the work of the CDIP should be further explored and enhanced for potential similar incidents in the future, to safeguard the maximum of effectiveness.

5. We are pleased to recognise that CDIP took concrete steps to engage with a wider range of stakeholders and to develop an impact-driven approach on development in 2021, while continuing to offer support tailored to the needs of the Member States.
6. The EU and its Member States acknowledge and value the contribution of WIPO and its Secretariat to the implementation of the DA recommendations.

Thank you.

Agenda item 4(b)

Report on the International Conference on IP and Development – Innovation in Green technologies for Sustainable Development (November 22-23, 2021) (CDIP/28/3)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for preparing the Report on the International Conference on IP and Development – Innovation in Green technologies for Sustainable Development (November 22-23, 2021) (CDIP/28/3) and for organising this conference.
2. The topicality of the subject and the hybrid format of this conference allowed for the participation of a large audience from different professional backgrounds and from different regions of the world and facilitated a good level of participation. Overall, the conference reached high satisfaction levels.
3. The EU and its Member States will work cooperatively in the framework of this committee to reach an agreement on topics for the future International Conference on IP and Development.

Thank you.

Agenda item 4(e)

Report on the sharing sessions on ‘Women and IP’

(CDIP/28/8)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing the Report on the Sharing sessions on ‘Women and IP’ (CDIP/28/8).
2. We take note of the information contained in this report and welcome the continuation of sharing sessions organised by the Secretariat on « Closing the Gender Gap in IP » as approved by the Member States.

Thank you Madam Chair.

Agenda item 4(f)

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

(CDIP/28/9)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the WIPO Secretariat for its presentation and for preparing the annual report on the contribution of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their associated targets (CDIP/28/9).
2. The EU and its Member States are fully engaged in the promotion of innovation and creativity. The EU and its Member States welcome WIPO joining UNSDG.
3. We are thankful for the shared information and for WIPO's engagement in the implementation of the 2030 agenda and of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you Madam Chair.

Agenda item 4(i)

WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development

- Continuation of discussion on Future Webinars

(CDIP/26/6)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would once again like to thank the Secretariat for the preparation of document CDIP/26/6, setting out the strategy for organizing future webinars.
2. As we previously stated at the 26th and 27th session of the CDIP, we support both of the proposed options for the topic selection process and other aspects. We consider the proposals to be complementary and not mutually exclusive.
3. We are looking forward to discussing and hearing the preferences and comments of other delegations on the proposed options as well as on other elements of the document.

Thank you.

Agenda item 5

Consideration of work program for implementation of adopted recommendations

Agenda item 5(a)

Discussion on topics to be addressed under Agenda Item on ‘IP and Development’ starting from the 29th session of the CDIP

(Roster of Topics and CDIP/28/COMPILATION 1)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for keeping the Roster of topics on ‘intellectual property and development’ up to date and for organising presentations on the agreed upon topics in the past CDIP sessions.
2. We look forward to the session on ‘IP and Innovation: Trademarks and Design Strategy for Entrepreneurs’, which will take place later this week.
3. We support the topics proposed by group B included in the Roster of topics and in document CDIP/28/COMPILATION 1, in particular ‘Building judicial capacity in IP: national experiences’ and ‘Stimulating innovation through IP award competition programs: national experiences’.
4. In line with the EU Action plan on IP, we consider that it is important to boost the uptake of IP by small and medium-sized companies worldwide and to support economic development thanks to IP and innovation.

Thank you.

Agenda item 5(b)

Discussion of Member States proposals for a sub-topic for the International Conference on IP and Development to be held in 2023 (CDIP/28/COMPILATION2)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing document CDIP/28/COMPILATION 2 and for all the proposals submitted by China, the CEBS group, the African group and group B.
2. We support the proposal made by group B to include the topic ‘IP and finance’ and group CEBS’ proposal on ‘How to attract youth generation for IP – IP education and training at schools and universities, IPR awareness among kids and youngsters’. One of these topics could be addressed during the next conference on IP and Development.

Thank you.

Agenda item 5(e)

Revised Project Proposal Submitted by Tunisia on Reducing Work-Related Accidents and Occupational Diseases through Innovation and Intellectual Property

(CDIP/28/4)

Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank Tunisia for providing a revised project further to the last Committee discussion, contained in CDIP/28/4.
2. We note with interest that the aim of the project is to help reducing work-related accidents and occupational diseases through innovation and intellectual property tools. We are interested in the project's impact on the improvement of working conditions, and especially interested in its targeting of the informal economy and in particular the counterfeit of tools, machinery and protective equipment.
3. We are also interested to note that the project aims at technology mapping and collaboration between the users and the creators of innovation.
4. We consider that targeting one or a few specific industry sectors, identified during the country studies, and developing awareness raising seminars to the companies of such sectors, and in particular of their Managers, could convey an additional impact to the project.
5. We would appreciate having detailed information on the WIPO Fellowships costs amounting to 234,300 CHF.

Thank you.

Agenda item 5(f)

Strategy for future enhancement of WIPO Match

(CDIP/28/5)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing the document on the ‘Strategy for Future Enhancement of WIPO Match’.
2. The WIPO Match platform being the backbone platform to increase transparent exchange of information among the stakeholders in the IP ecosystem, to encourage cooperation amongst them, and to facilitate South-South, North-South and Triangular initiatives, we consider that an intuitive interface hosted on a modern user-friendly platform should achieve enhanced results.
3. We note that in addition to seeker-donor collaboration, the strategy mentions that the platform will include other mechanisms of cooperation, amongst which public-private partnerships. We would be interested in obtaining more information on how these partnerships will be presented on the platform, how the private entities will be selected to appear on the platform and whether this implies any financing from WIPO to private entities. (*Paragraph 17/III*)

Thank you.

Agenda item 9

Closing statement (submitted in writing)

Madam Chair,

1. The EU and its Member States congratulate you and your Vice-Chairs for your able leadership and thank you for your efficient guidance through this 28th session of the CDIP. We thank the WIPO Secretariat for their hard work prior to and during this week, the Conference Department, 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 session as reflected in the Summary by the Chair. We thank all delegations for agreeing on the sub-topic for the next biennial International Conference and on two future topics for the agenda item 'IP and Development'.
3. The EU and its Member States will continue to engage constructively in the future discussions.

Thank you Madam Chair.
