



Thank you,

First of all, I would like to stress Brazil's appreciation for the outstanding work undertaken by the Chair, Ambassador Hasan Kleib, who has been pivotal to bridge the gaps in the discussions at the CDIP. I would also like to reiterate our appreciation for the work being conducted by the Secretariat, under the guidance of D-DG, Mario Matus. Equally in our highest regard is work done by for Mr. Irfan Baloch, which is really world class.

Brazil also aligns itself with the statement made by Ecuador on behalf of GRULAC.

Mr. Chair,

Development undoubtedly remains one of the most daunting challenges facing the international community.

The creation of wealth without its fair distribution remains one of the world's main problems, which has rendered globalization increasingly unpopular, in every region of the world.

In light of this backdrop, We, Member States, must reaffirm our commitment to cooperation, multilateralism and constructive spirit. They have never been so necessary as today.

Since its establishment in the 2007 WIPO General Assembly, the Development Agenda has become of the cornerstones of the organization. The CDIP, in turn, plays a key role in the mainstreaming of the DA into WIPO's activities.

In fact, the importance of the CDIP goes much beyond the implementation of the development agenda, since is the only multilateral forum where meaningful discussions and assessments on the interplay between IP and economic development take place.

We remains of the view that bringing the development dimension into WIPO's activities has strengthened the credibility of the IP system and has encouraged its wider acceptance as an important tool for the promotion of innovation and development.

Mr. Chairman,

In the last sessions of the CDIP, We have witnessed concrete advances in some of the topics of the agenda.

Indeed, after years of discussions, we were able to agree on the creation of a permanent agenda item entitled IP and development. This standing item will facilitate the implementation of the third pillar of the Development Agenda, since it provides not only greater transparency to the discussions in this committee, but also helps us to engage in focused, balanced and results-oriented discussions, for the benefit of all member states.

This guideline will also help Member states to explore different dimensions and linkages between IP and development which could eventually help us to devise better policies in this field, to the benefit of all member states.



Since development and solidarity are hallmarks of the Brazil's foreign policy, we have been actively engaged in the committee's discussions and have submitted substantive ideas to help translate the DA Recommendations into concrete actions.

Thanks to the close coordination among the BRICS and other developing countries, Brazil and Russia received support to approve the topic "Intellectual Property and Development in the Digital Environment" that will be addressed under item IP and Development in the 23rd session of the CDIP. Brazil also remains a strong supporter of the proposal on Women and IP, tabled by Canada, US and Mexico, approved in last session. In fact, this proposal is in line with Brazil's view that the IP system has a lot to benefit from the increasing participation of women.

Notwithstanding the progress made in the committee, a long path lies ahead. Pending issues remain in the CDIP, and efforts to maintain development at the center of the discussions in WIPO is an ongoing and never-ending process.

As we highlighted in the last session of the committee, the DG's report on the implementation of the DA falls short of its potential, since many of the flaws contained in the previous ones, underscored by many member states, have not been properly addressed. In the last meeting of the CDIP, Brazil has made concrete suggestions to improve it and we hope to see them incorporated in future versions of the report.

We also reiterate our position that WIPO, as a specialized UN agency, should provide further substantive contributions to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. We, Member States, together with the organization's experience and human resources, should not evade our responsibility. We should play a more active role towards mainstreaming the SDGs. The CDIP is the appropriate forum to do that.

Another challenge is related to Recommendations 5 and 11 of the Development Agenda, which have not yet been adopted by CDIP Members. The objective of such recommendations is to assess the relevance, effectiveness, impact, sustainability and efficiency of WIPO's activities undertaken to implement the Development Agenda between 2008 and 2015.

By linking WIPO's activities to the Expected Results contained in the Program and Budget of the organization, recommendations 5 and 11 play a pivotal role in mainstreaming the DAs into WIPO's work. In that vein, we urge all member states to show flexibility make further progress in the first pillar of the CDIP.

Last, but not least, Brazil would like to reiterate its strong support for proposal of the African Group concerning the Biennial Organization of an International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development contained in document CDIP/20/8. We believe, it will provide increase opportunities for dialogue among member states.

Our African colleagues have shown enough patience and flexibility to incorporate most of the suggestions made by Group B. It is to be expected that the same flexibility will be shown in return.



Brazil is convinced that, by addressing these CRITICAL issues, WIPO will contribute to reach a more inclusive, balanced and developed-oriented IP system, which will increase economic growth, for the benefit of all Member States and all sectors of society.