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**Closing statement made by H.E M.Mohamed Siad Doualeh,
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***SECOND WIPO ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH-SOUTH
COOPERATION ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT***

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CLOSING REMARKS

- Reviewed in the morning session the work undertaken during the *Second WIPO Inter-Regional Meeting on South-South Cooperation on Patents, Trademarks, Geographical Indications, Industrial Designs and Enforcement* held in Cairo in May 2013 with the presentation, by the Secretariat and the host country, of the detailed report and list of proposals made during the meeting, and an evaluation of its outcomes and importance for developing countries and LDCs by countries who had contributed to and participated in the Second Interregional Meeting on South-South Cooperation: Cambodia, Cuba, Peru and Egypt.
- The morning session highlighted:
 - the relevance of South-South cooperation, as a complement to North-South cooperation, as a vehicle to achieve the development objectives of developing countries and LDCs and the Development Agenda Recommendations
 - the importance of inter-regional meetings such as the ones organized under the WIPO South-South project in Brasilia and Cairo as an invaluable forum for developing countries and LDCs to share experiences, learn from other countries' lessons, network, and build partnerships. A number of concrete partnerships have already flourished as a direct result of the two inter-regional meetings on South-South cooperation such as highlighted by Egypt for instance in its cooperation with India in the field of pharmaceuticals which has been a direct result from face-to-face discussions facilitated by the Second WIPO Inter-regional Meeting on South-South Cooperation.
 - the main proposals made during the Second Inter-regional Meeting on South-South cooperation with regard to the way forward in terms of South-South cooperation in the field of intellectual property, including proposals to be considered by WIPO and by developing countries themselves on how to further this process, with the need for instance to:
 - strengthen access to knowledge and WIPO databases through the availability of such platforms in the main languages of developing countries and LDCs,
 - further disseminate best practices and lessons learned from developing countries and LDCs
 - the proposal, by Peru, to host another Inter-Regional Meeting on South-South Cooperation in 2014
 - the proposal, also, to establish a monitoring mechanism to follow-up on the proposals made during the two inter-regional meetings on South-South cooperation and ensure these can be turned into concrete projects.
- The afternoon session provided an opportunity for the Secretariat to present the activities undertaken in the course of the project's two years of implementation, showcasing in particular:
 - the South-South functionalities developed under the project to highlight past and existing South-South technical assistance and capacity building activities undertaken with the support of WIPO, to further highlight the expertise and resources available in developing countries and LDCs, and to further enable matchmaking between

developing countries and LDCs on offers and needs in the field of intellectual property

- the Secretariat also presented the new webpages on South-South cooperation to be launched shortly as a dedicated online platform on South-South cooperation activities in the field of intellectual property, at WIPO, within the broad framework of the United Nations mandate on South-South cooperation, and
- the Secretariat presented the activities undertaken in the framework of the UN South-South cooperation mandate and in coordination with the UN Office for South-South Cooperation
- The final session of the day provided an opportunity for Member States and other distinguished Delegates to contribute to the discussion on the way forward with regard to the future of the South-South cooperation project in WIPO. Some of the main points I would like to recall in this regard are:
 - strengthen the institutional structure within WIPO to promote South-South cooperation and ensure continued cooperation with the UN Office for South-South Cooperation, through, in particular, joint partnerships with the UN South-South multilateral support architecture
 - allocate sufficient resources for the continuation of South-South cooperation activities in WIPO under a second phase of the current project
 - Strengthen networking and matchmaking in the South as a complement to North-South cooperation through the further development of the WIPO South-South portal and the organization of further South-South more focused thematic meetings on identified IP issues
 - Disseminate lessons learned and successful experiences from the South on the use of intellectual property for development
- Understand that – as has been the practice for the previous South-South meetings – a detailed report of the conference will be prepared by the Secretariat to reflect the discussions which have taken place today. This report will serve as the basis for future discussions among Member States on the future of the Development Agenda Project on South-South Cooperation in WIPO to be addressed in the framework of the next session of the CDIP.