

## **ANNEX**

### **Opening remarks by the Chair – CDIP/13**

1. On behalf of the Committee and on my own behalf, I would like to congratulate the Director General on his recent re-election as the Director General of this Organization. His re-election is an endorsement and an expression of confidence in his leadership and policies which have benefitted the member states of WIPO.
2. In the context of the Development Agenda implementation and the work of this Committee, I would like to thank the Director General and Deputy Director General, Mr. Onyeama, for their guidance and support to the work of this Committee, and for their continued efforts towards integrating the Development Agenda and its underlying principles into the work of the Organization.
3. Let me also thank delegates on my re-election as the Chair of this important Committee of WIPO. My particular thank goes to my own group, the African Group, for nominating me for the third consecutive year. For me, consensus building has been the key consideration as the Chair of this Committee during the last two years.
4. Since 2007, the CDIP has been working diligently towards the implementation of the 45 Development Agenda Recommendations. Our collective efforts have undoubtedly produced significant and concrete results that should be a source of pride for all of us.
5. There however are certain areas where more needs to be done. Over the last two years, we have noticed an increasing backlog of issues that primarily due to a shortage of time have been postponed to the successive sessions. I would therefore seek cooperation of all delegations to engage constructively and take decisions on matters that would pave the way for further cooperation in WIPO's intergovernmental processes.
6. The present session of the Committee will address the important issue of developing the Terms of Reference for the Independent Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations. As decided by the Committee at its twelfth session, I intend to devote sufficient time to finalize this matter. Other important matters before the Committee include the International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development; the WIPO General Assembly Decision on CDIP related matters; the External Review of WIPO's Technical Assistance and the Patent-Related Flexibilities in the Multilateral Legal Framework. In my capacity as the Chair of the Committee, I call upon our distinguished delegates to extend their efforts and good will in reaching agreements on those issues.
7. I would like to inform the delegations that the schedule of work for the week's session has been made available at the documentation desk. I hope delegations agree with my proposed distribution of work.
8. I am also pleased to inform you that the Manual on the Delivery of WIPO Technical Assistance, presented to the Committee at its twelfth session under document CDIP/12/7, has been published as a booklet, as requested by Member States, and is now available at the documentation desk.
9. The process as regards the preparation of the Summary by the Chair will remain the same. After the conclusion of discussion on each document / issue, a decision

paragraph will be circulated by the Secretariat. The Summary by the Chair would constitute a compilation of those paragraphs only. The Summary would be kept brief and to the point. Therefore, delegations are kindly requested to be helpful by not introducing new elements to the summary unless critically important.

10. I wish the Committee a successful and productive session. Let us now turn to Agenda Item 3, adoption of the Agenda.